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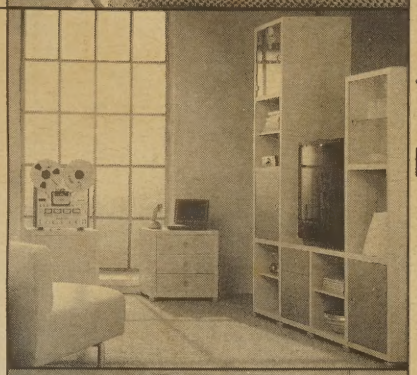

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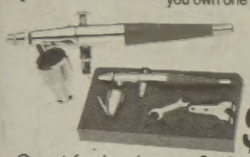

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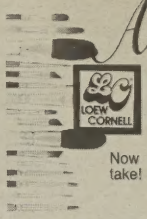

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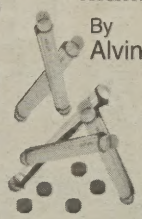

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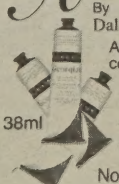

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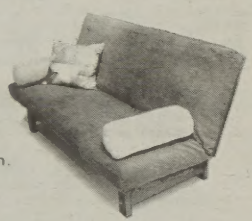

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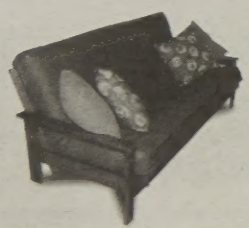

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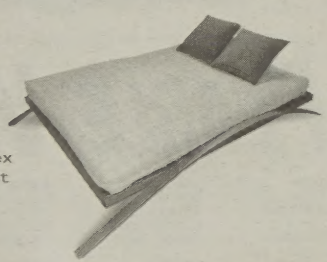

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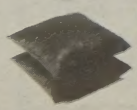

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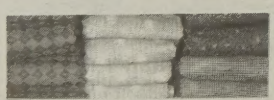

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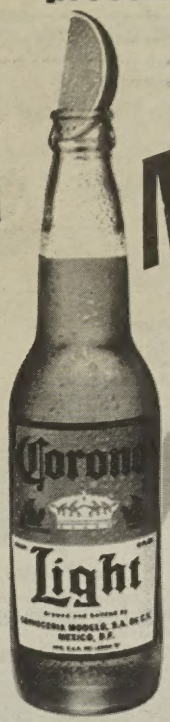

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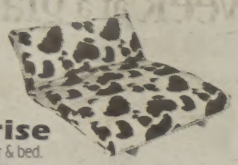

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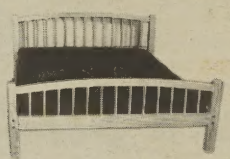

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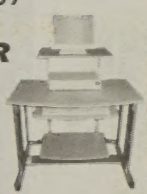

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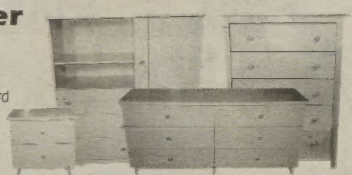

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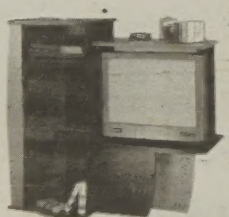

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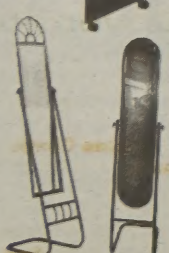

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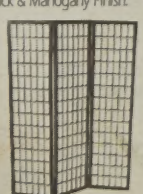

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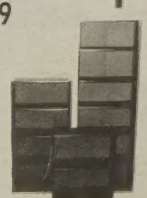

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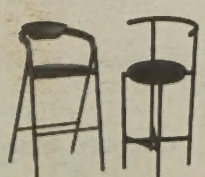

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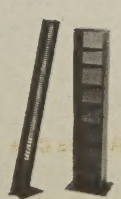

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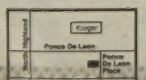

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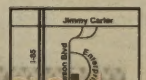

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Art

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Dance

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Nightlife

◆Returning after last year's sparsely populated dust storm, **FutureFest 2000** boasts an even better lineup this year, with the Belleville Three (Derrick May, Kevin Saunderson and Juan Atkins), BT, Electric Skychurch, Skylab 2000, the Jungle Brothers, DJ Rap, Junior Sanchez, Richard "Humpty" Vission, Medicine Drum and many others. **Aug. 19.** 3 p.m. Sat.-10 a.m. Sun. $45-$50. Henderson Arena, 4380 Stacks Road. For more information, call 770-516-6143 or visit www.futurefest.net.

Music

◆Pay homage to the King during this anniversary week of his untimely demise. The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's Classic Chastain Series presents **Elvis Wade**, the living incarnation of the legend, performing with the ASO on **Aug. 16.** 8:30 p.m. $19-$42. Chastain Park Amphitheater. 404-733-5000.

◆Pay your respects at the Elvis shrine at the Star Bar **Aug. 19** with a tribute show featuring **Kingsized** and **Sister Amy & the El Vangelical Choir.** If you still haven't gotten your fill, pack up your peanut butter and banana sandwiches and head down to the Starlight Six **All-Elvis Mondo Movie Nite Aug. 20** featuring a King double feature, CD and poster giveaways. 9 p.m. 2000 Moreland Ave. Call 404-627-5786 for information.

Elvis Wade

◆**Neil Young's** most recent release, *Silver & Gold*, carries with it some of the gems briefly revealed unpolished on his *Unplugged* release. Thankfully, he will bring his most recent stellar set of songs and a selection of accompanying musicians to the more intimate Chastain for his performance on **Aug. 22.** It's bound to be unforgettable. **The Pretenders** and Canadian singer-songwriters **Tegan & Sara** open. 7 p.m. $26.50-$66.50. Chastain Amphitheater, 4469 Stella Drive. For more information, call 404-733-5000.

Convention

◆Got a thing for men in tights? What about buff green monsters? Head down to the **Atlanta Comic Convention** featuring guest speaker Paul Jenkins, writer of "Spiderman" and "The Hulk" adventure rags, along with a variety of vendors selling books from past and present. **Aug. 20.** 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Marriott Hotel, Gwinnett Place, 1775 Pleasant Hill Road. Call 404-361-7682 for information. ◆

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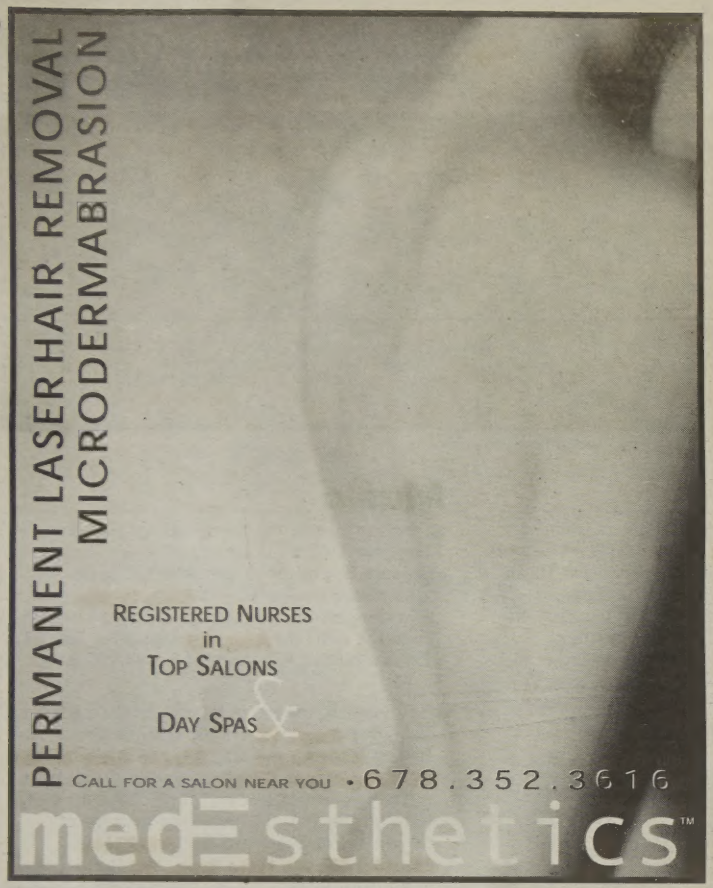

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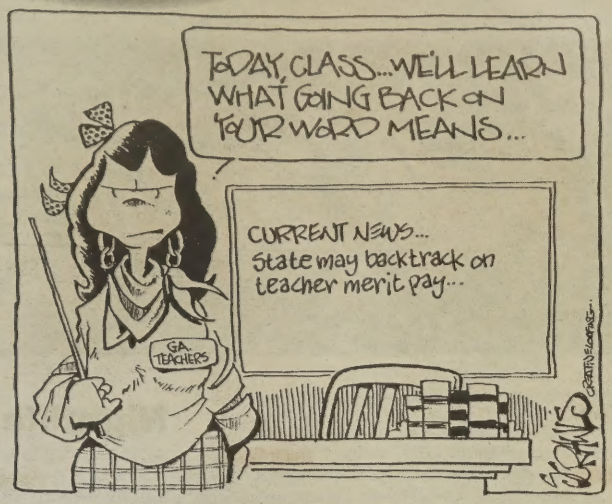
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When politics replace principles

Only in an election year can political commentators twist themselves with greater facility than any sideshow contortionist. Luke Boggs slithers to the other side of the road by attacking the regressive nature of the Georgia Lottery ("Zell's Legacy," *CL*, Aug. 12). Interesting that a conservative voice would be against a form of taxation that involves personal choice instead of government force. Also interesting that a voice proclaiming wealth is achieved through wise financial decisions is suddenly gripped with the notion of the poor falling prey to some strange mind control forcing them to toss hard-earned dollars to lottery vendors.

Of course, it all begins to make sense when this "conservative" voice is overwrought with the thought of Zell Miller chipping away at the Republican majority in the U.S. Senate. Contortions of conscience aren't so difficult to understand when politics replaces principles.

— James Williams, Decatur

In the zone

com I am writing to relieve myself of the anger and rage, and other visceral reactions I had in response to Hollis Gillespie's article "Slugs for Snitches" *CL*, July 29). What a well-written, oh-so witty tale of privilege in the city, appealing to most middle-class folks who believe the fallacy: "we can stop this using existing laws and systems, if only the cops (or schools, or whatever, enter your system here) did what it should!" A fallacy we've believed for the nearly 20 years of the drug war. Thing is, we continue to move crack houses out of one neighborhood into another.

If the police are corrupt, maybe we should understand the burn-out associated with risking life and limb on a pathetic salary to perform "mission impossible." It must feel like the twilight zone in Zones 3,4,5,6: "Hey, didn't I just arrest the drug dealer on this block?" Cops can arrest people until forever, but there are always going to be 10 people in line waiting to play the drug-man. Playing basketball is equally or more effective than arresting people.

Your local "crack whore," a human being, someone's daughter, is an *addict*, not an animal you poke fun at through your window and article, not a dog you kick to prison. Whatever it was that had that woman on her knees that morning was more powerful than anything I can personally imagine.

I appreciate the need to feel safe at home, to feel you have some control over the events in your neighborhood and community. But, the drug war makes this impossible. The drug economy is not something that you can stamp out — it exists beyond the individuals who participate in it right now. If all those people left (or were arrested), others would fill their place like water to a void.

It's time to move beyond politicians easy words of "tough on crime and drugs" and start to work, and yes it will require a *huge* amount of work, toward a compassionate solution. Perhaps the "crack whore" could use a hot meal and transportation to treatment or just a listening ear. She's probably seen horrors that would make a war veteran feel happy to have his problems.

So, we can continue to spend our time on the phone with the cops while we watch people die, call the cops while our children are enslaved to a life no one would ever choose, or we can take a stand for righteousness and use our individual talents and gifts for change based on a compassion and love for *all* our neighbors.

— Danni Lentine, MPH Atlanta

Correction

Last week's *Creative Loafing* story "Local Guitarist Shot in East Atlanta" incorrectly characterized Cole Skinner's job. Skinner is an employee of Radiogram, a booking company. Skinner books bands to play at the Echo Lounge. The owner of the Echo Lounge is Janet Ridgeway.

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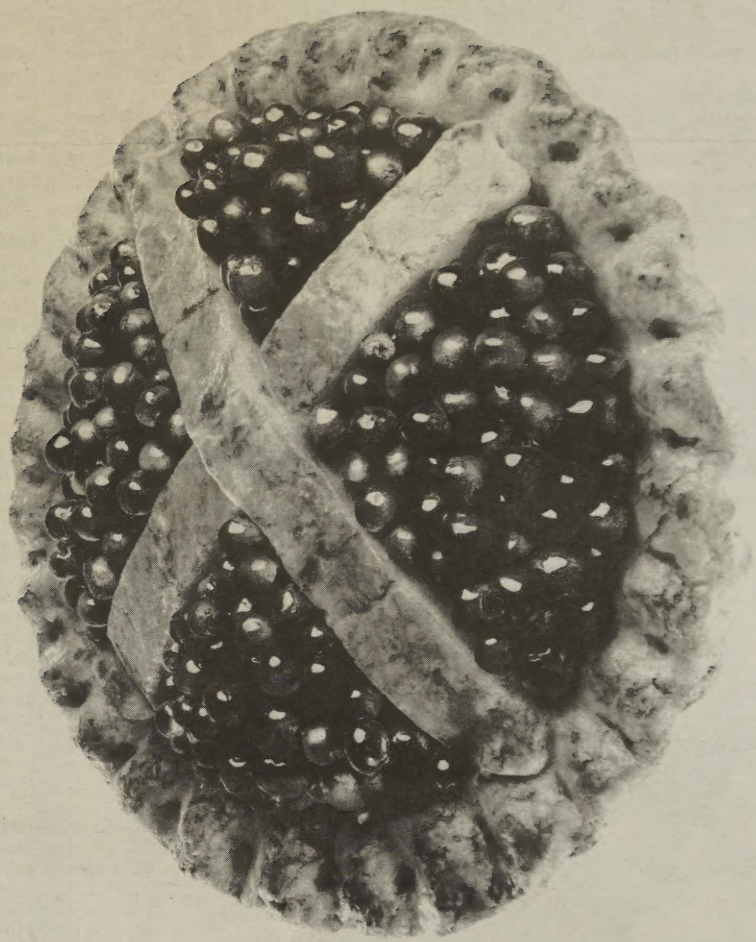

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Pierced penis not welcome at office: William Draheim was fired from his job in St. Louis Park, Minn., in May, for sexual harassment for talking excessively about his pierced penis at work (almost exclusively, he said, in response to questions from co-workers). His workplace was Video Age Inc., whose only line of business is distributing hardcore pornographic videos and sex accessories, large inventories of which fill the offices, which are staffed with telephone operators to take catalog orders from customers, some of whom inevitably talk dirty to the operators. (In fact, each employment applicant is required to certify that he or she understands the nature of the workplace.)

Snakebit: According to police and health department authorities in Huntsville, Ala., in July, a father apparently purchased several poisonous snakes for his 13-year-old son to keep around the house as pets, but after the boy was bitten by one, he may have hidden the snakes for fear that they would be confiscated. Included are a black mamba (generally regarded as the world's deadliest) and a gaboon viper (only somewhat less deadly), and at press time, authorities could not rule out that the snakes had simply been released into the countryside, which would significantly lower the quality of life around Huntsville. Said a city health control officer, "It's a macho thing to have venomous snakes. I guess stupid supersedes macho."

Latest from Weird Japan: Cosmetics firms' sales of products to reduce or mask the odor of "noneal" are booming, according to a March *New York Times* report; noneal is a chemical released in greater quantity as people age and in superhygienic Japan creates the unpopular "old man's smell."

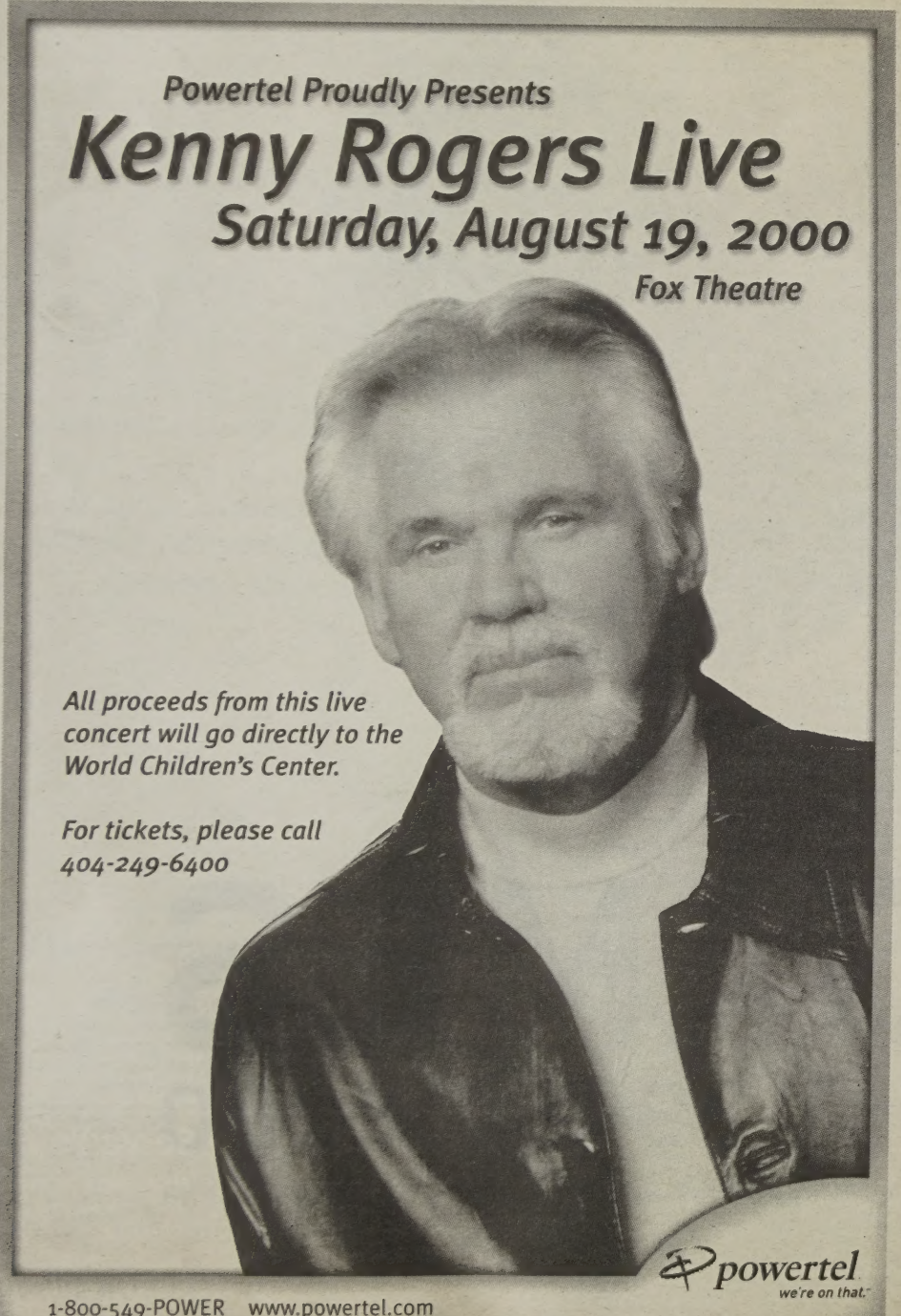
Latest religious messages: In May, Italian female basketball star Fabiana Benedettini, 30, surprised her family and the sports world by abruptly taking vows as a nun and joining the Santa Margherita of Cortona sanctuary. Also recently becoming nuns in Italy: a marchesa, Ginevra Rossi di Montelera; a hotel heiress, Maria Luisa De Angelis (who abandoned her husband and children in the process); an industrial heiress, Idina Ferruzzi; a volleyball all-star, Maria Teresa Ciancio; and, at least joining a convent temporarily, a porn star, Luana Borgia.

The gods don't mind slurred speech: An April *New York Times* dispatch from Zhdanovo, Russia (just north of Mongolia), reported on the cultural use of vodka as holy water in that Buryat region, whose predominant religion is shamanism. Mongol devotees sometimes sip vodka during the entire 90-minute services, which brings, according to one shaman, "moral calmness" and the improved ability to "talk to god" (although shamanism includes more than 100 gods).

First things first: Catholic priest Charles Mentrup, 41, was stabbed by a parishioner during confession in May; he survived but refused to identify the man who did it because of his vow of confidentiality. And at Christmastime 1999, a drunken guest disturbed the Cistercian monks of Caldey Island (Wales) by singing Welsh hymns and carols while they were celebrating their 12 hours of "Great Silence," but no one moved to quiet the guest because, after all, the monks could not speak.

In their own words: According to an official in the regional government of Madrid, Spain, a public-financed guidebook for hikers was erroneously distributed despite the agency's dissatisfaction with some of the contract writer's geographical descriptions. In the book, the mountains of the Cuerda de las Cabrillas range near Madrid "are just like women — the desire that they inspire is inversely proportional to the number of times one gets on top of them," and La Maliciosa mountain "has a pair of highly suggestive protuberances" that are "black, svelte, (hard) and slippy, like Naomi Campbell's loins."

Also, in the last month ... : A 3-foot-long iguana escaped from captivity, prompting a police alert, given its propensity for aggression toward menstruating women (St. Austell, England). A soiled diaper, in a plastic bag left in a 100-degree sun for three days, combusted, setting afire the walls of two apartments, causing $3,000 damage (Ennis, Texas). ◆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the blotter

By Lauren Keating

Scott Martin

On Wilson Road, a man said a woman hit him several times, and then threatened to get a gun and shoot him.

The man is the coach of a mini-football team that the woman's son plays on.

"The argument was over her son playing," noted the officer in his report.

The pastor of a church on Richardson Street said one evening that the church choir was unable to enter their church because the locks had been changed, as well as the alarm system.

The pastor said several deacons were responsible for changing the locks and the alarm. He said the deacons did this without his permission, or the permission of other churchgoers.

The pastor said he and his congregation of 650 members are currently unable to get into the church and hold services or any church activities. As a result, the pastor has resorted to holding service at a hotel.

The Larceny Unit was called.

A 22-year-old woman on Brown Mills Road said she returned to her home on Brown Mills Road and discovered that her painting, which depicted men playing cards, was missing. She said the painting was worth $35.

The woman said a neighbor saw her landlord enter her home while she was gone. The woman added that her landlord has been taunting her, and she believes that the landlord stole the painting.

A 19-year-old woman said her boyfriend, 23, was upset because she stayed out until 4 a.m. He accused her of being in a hotel with another man.

When she asked her boyfriend what he did with the money for the electric bill, which her father had given him, the boyfriend smacked her in the face and hit her with the phone.

The boyfriend rode away on his bike before police arrived.

A 35-year-old man on Hilliard Street called police and said two days prior to his call, an 18-year-old man approached him and asked if he could spend the night on the 35-year-old's home, until the trains ran the next morning. The 18-year-old offered to pay $5 to the 35-year-old, to be allowed to sleep there.

The next morning, the 18-year-old refused to leave the apartment, and refused to pay the $5. According to the 35-year-old, the 18-year-old beat him, threatened to kill him, took his cane and hit him with it, and put a knife to his throat.

The 35-year-old fled his home and called police, but the suspect left before police arrived.

The 35-year-old didn't stay at his home that night, for fear of injury. When he attempted to return to his house, a neighbor told him that some men were sleeping there.

The 35-year-old said he knew the men from the neighborhood, and thought they were using his home to sell drugs from.

Two officers went to the 35-year-old's apartment, and found four men asleep in the living room. Two of the men were unaware that it was "improper" for them to be in the apartment.

The 35-year-old pointed out the suspect who had beaten him. Another man possessed 18-20 hits of suspected crack cocaine. Both were taken to jail. The first two men were released.

Around 7 a.m., a 42-year-old woman was preparing to go outside and get the newspaper in the front yard of her home on Club Drive.

The woman saw a man with a bicycle walking away from the left corner of her home. The man was dressed in camouflage clothing.

The woman asked her husband to go outside and check out the situation.

The husband discovered that the man had defecated on the lawn. The man also left two pairs of sunglasses, and a pair of tan leather gloves in the front yard.

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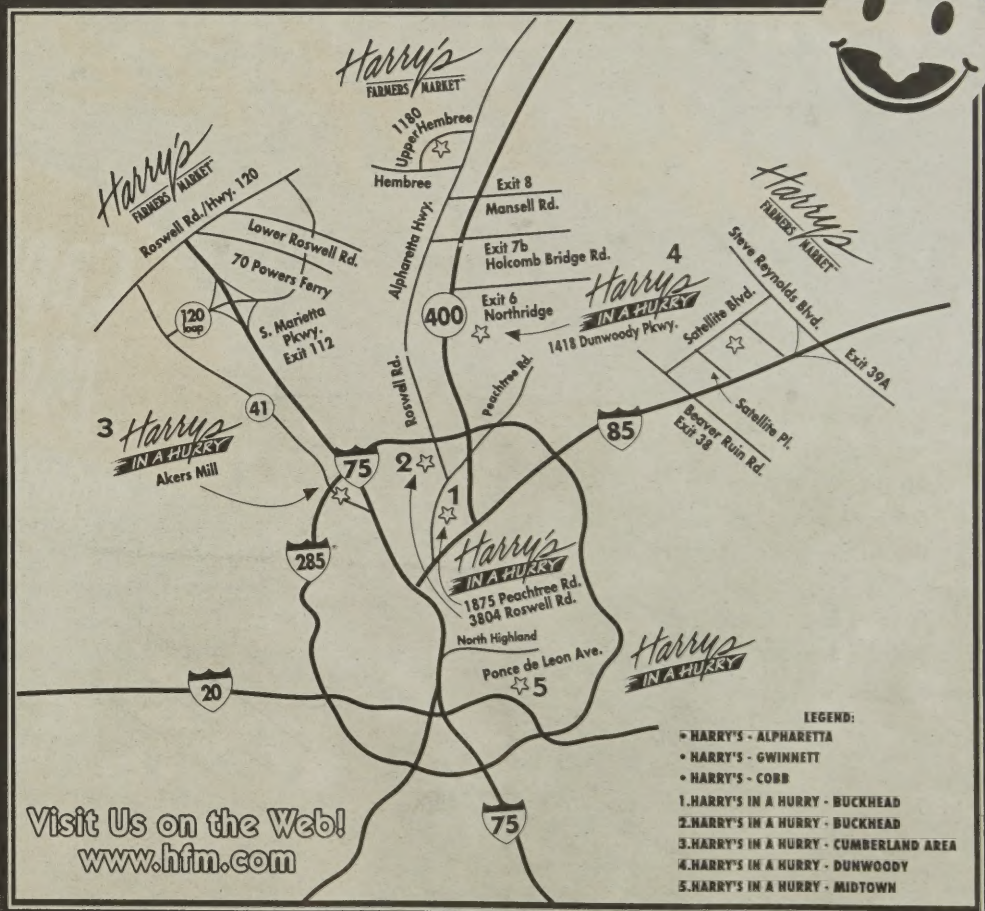

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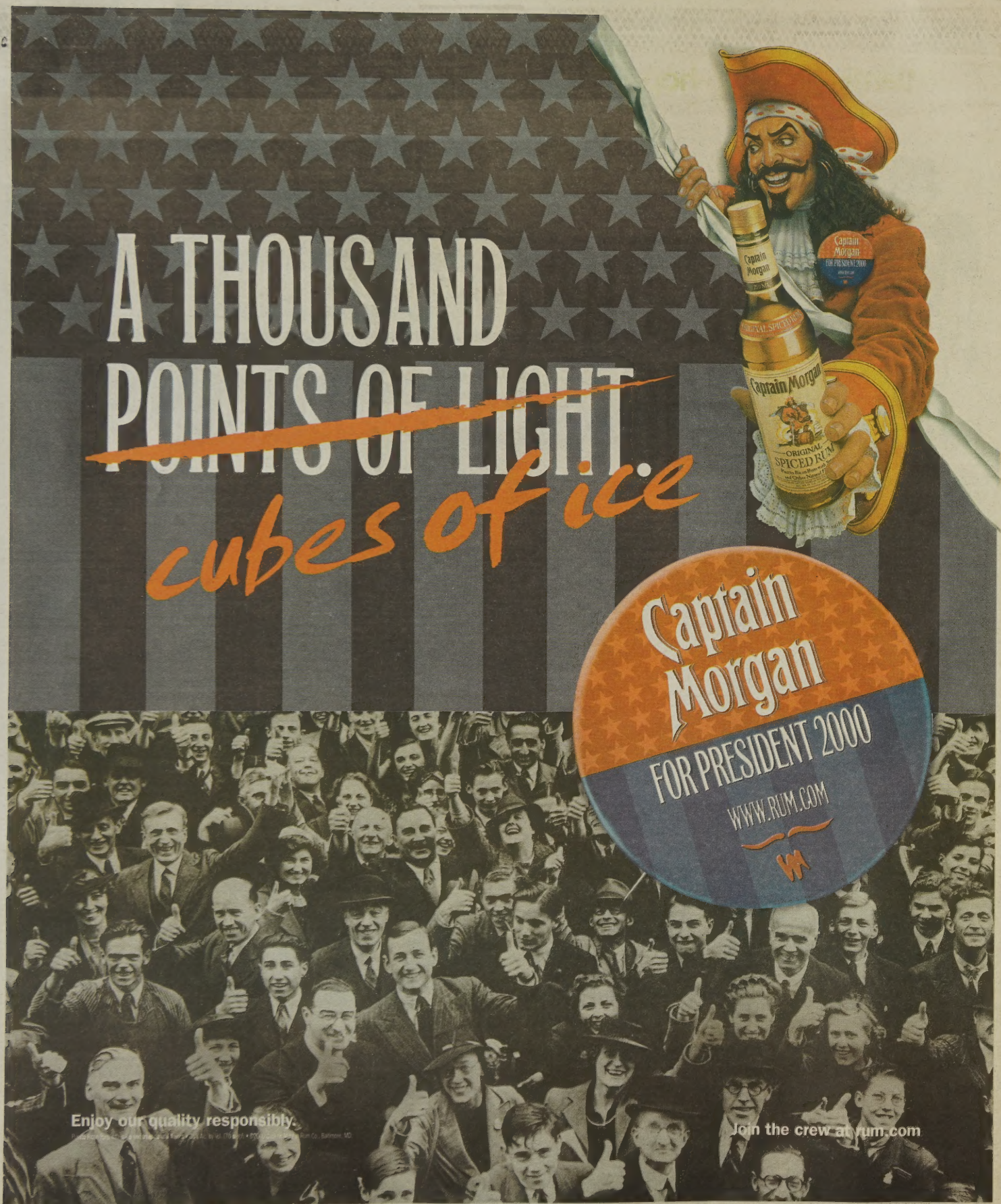
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BY LANG WHITAKER

It's been three years since the Atlantis Music Conference hit town, and several bands have gotten major label deals as a result. The weekend-long gig is a mixture of concerts and panels. This year, for the first time, extensive attention was given to Atlanta's booming urban music scene.

Months ago, I accepted an invitation to serve on the "Covering Hip-Hop, Whose Story Is It Anyway?" panel Aug. 11 at Studio Central downtown. A few weeks before the panel took place, the Atlanta Press Club sent out flyers announcing the panel, noting that conversation would focus on the question: "Can a predominantly white media industry fairly cover a predominantly black music genre?" Though I thought the panel was supposed to be about the music and not the color, I went ahead with my plans to participate. I did find it odd that my name was listed first on the flyer. "Come needle the white boy!" was all that was missing.

When the event finally went down last weekend, my anxieties were running high. But it went smoothly. *CL*'s own **Rhonda Baraka** moderated the panel impeccably; fellow panelists, *AJC* writer **Sonia Murray** and Noontime Recordings' **Johnathan Floyd**, contributed to the exchange.

Everyone seemed to quickly dismiss the race card as irrelevant. My favorite moment: **Michael Fields**, Southern bureau chief for National Public Radio stood up and asked a question about the hip-hop culture, mentioning "one of the Geto Boyz, I believe it was the short gentleman," perhaps marking the first time that midget rapper **Bushwick Bill** has ever been referred to as a gentleman.

Return of the Fan?: WCNN 680's plans to develop an all-black talk radio format have fallen by the wayside. The station recently announced plans to resurrect the all-sports format it popularized in the early '90s.

Rumor has WCNN trying to woo popular 790 the Zone anchor **Chris Dimino**, though Dimino has told friends that he isn't going anywhere.

To compete with the Zone, WCNN is calling in the big guns: former Thrashers play-by-play announcer **Scott Ferrall**'s syndicated show from L.A. will reportedly be part of the lineup, with Ferrall making bi-weekly visits to Atlanta to broadcast live.

Twin Peaks: I print a lot of celebrity sleaze, but celebs can occasionally help the little guys. Last week, I made a jaunt to New York City to attend a party thrown by *Paper* magazine, where I frequently contribute, at Gotham hotspot Lotus. I was assured I'd have no problem getting in.

Isabel and I showed up at 11 p.m. and found a line stretching from the door far down the block. The emotionless doorman told me the line was people on the guest list and to wait my turn. After standing in the same spot for about 15 minutes, we approached the door gestapo one more time before calling it a night; we were turned away again. But as we left, we noticed actor **Kyle McLachlan** leaving the club along with his girlfriend, NYC publicist **Desiree Gruber**, who is a lifelong friend of Atlanta publicist **Liz Lapidus**. Invoking Lapidus' name, we introduced ourselves to the power duo and explained our dilemma. McLachlan said, "Come with me," and led us to the door. We all immediately marched in, right past the poor souls stuck in line. I informed Kyle that from now on, whenever I go out, I'll need his services. He laughed and agreed to lend his fame whenever.

This and that: Designer **Keith Brown**'s website, www.hushbox.com, is almost ready to launch. The site will be a Web-based version of his popular e-mail list of Atlanta people and events. ... If you have a cell phone, check out www.yourmobile.com for a list of thousands of song titles, from **Sinatra** to **Sisqo**, that you can have sent to your cell phone to replace the standard boring ringing sounds. Best of all, it's free. ... I'm out.

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SLAM, BAM, THANK YOU MAN: Casey Kline of Something Left After Misfortune cuts loose Friday at the 9 Lives Saloon in Little Five Points during the Atlantis Music Conference. Over 200 bands participated in this year's events, which included performances, panels and parties. (Kline's group won an Atlanta Local Music Award on Wednesday for "Favorite Rock Band.")

Cassis Finn

Scott Martin

MY PUBLIC: Modern Hero frontman, solo artist, and soon-to-be daddy Jeffrey Butts bathes in applause after winning the "Favorite Unplugged Artist" People's Choice Award at the 8th Annual 99X Atlanta Local Music Awards Wednesday at the Tabernacle.

Rebecca Beard

SLOW BOAT TO CHINA: The Chattahoochee River was packed Saturday with water-gun toting men splashing through the annual Hotlanta River Expo.

Scott Henry

IN A MELLOW TONE: Still smooth at 74, Tony Bennett charms the Chastain Park crowd with his jazzy, soulful stylings Saturday night.

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EVENING WEAR: The Woodruff Arts Center hosted last week's NOIR fashion event culminating Saturday with the New Flavor runway show, featuring styles by New York designers including Moshood, whose designs may also be found right here on Mitchell Street.

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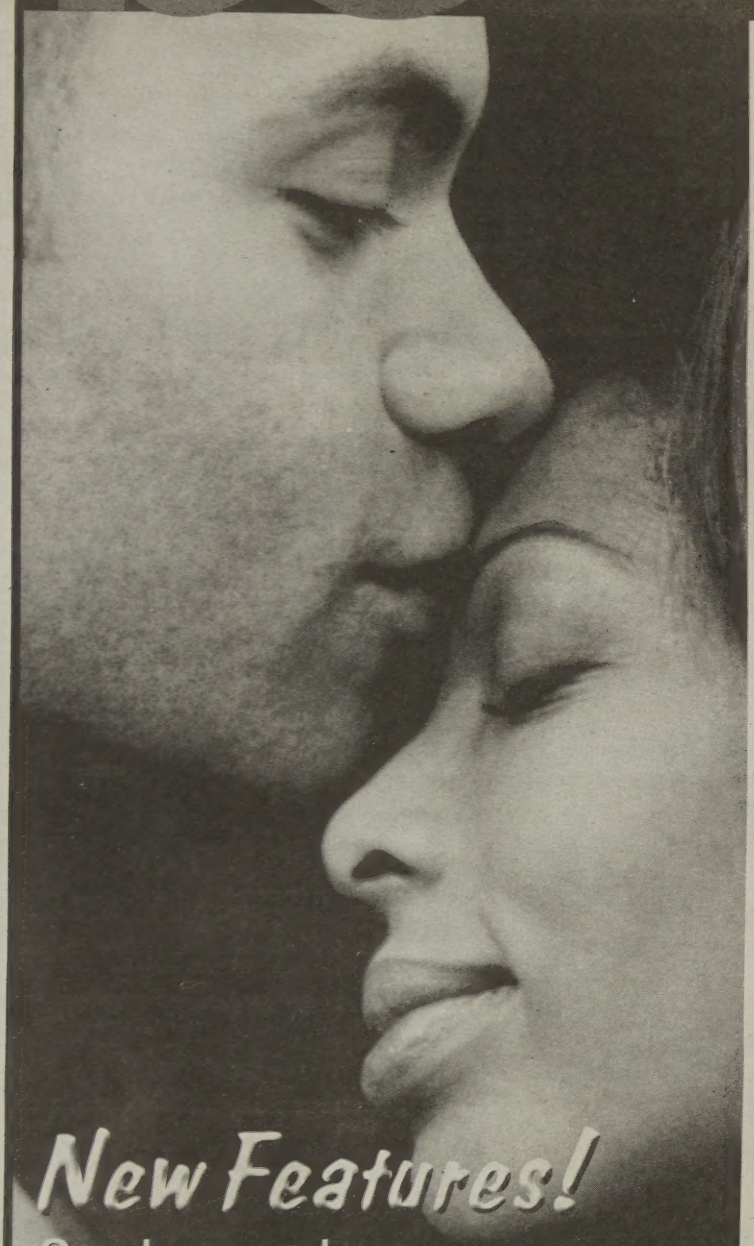

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I'm 5'4" & weigh 140 lbs. I have light skin. I have long hair & brown eyes. I'm looking for someone I can just kick it with, be with, go the movies or have a romantic dinner. If that's you, get back to me. **Box 3334.**

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MEN SEEKING WOMEN

This is Jay. I'm 27 yrs. old, about 5'9" tall with dark-brown hair & dark eyes. I have a medium build. I'm very attractive. I'm looking for someone to date casually but nothing serious right now. I tend to be attracted to women with a thin-to-medium build who consider themselves as something of a free type of personality & who are extremely open-minded. I'm creative & am an artist. I like all kinds of music from classical to rock & jazz. I'm a huge fan of movies both new & old. **Box 6641.**

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I'm a slim, attractive, unattached, white male. I'm kind of a little guy. I'm 5'8" & weigh about 150 lbs. I'm looking for a big girl who's 6' plus & 200 lbs. plus. I really enjoy the company of a large woman. I'd love to hear from you. **Box 3013.**

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I'm Casey. I'm the father of 3. I'm white, 6'1" tall & weigh 185 lbs. I'm 50 yrs. old. I have brown hair & blue eyes. I like morning coffee, evening sunsets, dinner & dancing together, walks on the beach & listening to the surf together. I like spending time with my one, special friend. I like concerts, camping & fireplaces. **Box 6662.**

I'm a white male. I'm 5'11" & 195 lbs. I'm a non-smoker & a light drinker. I'm down-to-earth & have a good sense of humor. I'm a professional. I'm looking for a female to possibly get together with, see if we have anything in common & then go from there. **Box 4444.**

This is John. I'm a white male. I'm 60 yrs. plus. I'm seeking a lady for friendship, companionship & possible, intimate, good times. I'm seeking a mature, outgoing, creative lady who enjoys life, who likes to be pampered & spoiled by a caring, loving, outgoing & generous individual. Age is not important, but being over the age 45 yrs. would be a plus. I can promise you won't be disappointed. Give me a call. I realize I've been rather specific in this ad, but I'm seeking that special person who I can have a good time with, where she can enjoy me & I can enjoy her. I look forward to hearing from you ladies who may be interested in the same thing that I am. **Box 13898.**

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BY STEPHANIE RAMAGE **last week**

AUGUST

8 **Drowning in the public trough:** Former City of Atlanta Chief Investment Officer Theresa Sanford and her accomplice, investment banker Raymond McLendon, are convicted in federal court for ripping off $18 million of the taxpayers' money. ... **Voice of the people:** With the inevitable results of a run-off election ringing in their ears, the Decatur school board lowers the millage rate by one point after elderly African-Americans strenuously object to their property taxes.

9 **Subbing for God:** Television Judge Greg Mathis tells Fulton County teachers they're doing God's work and if they don't see it that way they're in the wrong profession. ... **Ace:** Lee Mayfield, owner of an Ace Hardware store in Newton County, makes an emergency run to Gainesville in the midnight hour to get plumbing supplies so a local elementary school can open on time after a backhoe cut its water line. ... **Who's big idea ... never mind:** Cobb County school honchos learn that the bonuses they promised teachers will force the system to go over budget.

10 **OK, and then what?:** About 3,000 families listed on the state's longterm welfare rolls may remain on the dole for as long as a year after the program ends Jan. 1, because there aren't enough low-skills jobs available in some areas. ... **That $18 million would help:** Atlanta ranks dead last among 25 major cities surveyed by the Trust for Public Land and the Urban Land Institute in the amount of land set aside for parks. ... **Why not more?:** A Cobb County man convicted of kidnapping, raping and attempting to choke to death, a 5-year-old girl, gets sentenced to life plus 70 years.

11 **You'll get to wear that sexy uniform:** Hospital officials predict that Georgia's shortage of registered nurses will get worse before it gets better ... **No flag on the court:** The NCAA says it will monitor Georgia's Confederate emblems issue, but does not plan to pull the 2002 men's Final Four out of Atlanta to protest the state's use of the Confederate flag. ... **Revenge of the librarians:** Seven white women and one African-American sympathizer file suit against the Atlanta-Fulton Library Board, claiming they were demoted because of their opposition to a plan that would demote whites and replace them with blacks.

12 **Take off tragedy:** A single-engine plane taking off from Falcon Field in Peachtree City crashes, killing all three people on board. ... **Gunplay or foul play?:** A 13-year-old Norcross boy shoots himself with a gun handed to him by a 35-year-old Chamblee police officer while the two are in the boy's parents' bedroom with another friend. ...

13 **Guns and girls and cars:** A bouncer at the Crystal Palace strip club is killed in a shootout with a motorist he warned about driving too fast in the club's parking lot. ... **Crapshoot:** One man is shot dead and another wounded in the ankle over a game of dice in southwest Atlanta ... **Choking in the clutch:** Braves fail to bring 10 runners home, handing the Dodgers a 7-2 victory at Turner Field.

14 **"Well, I make a pussy purr ..."** : Democratic Congressional candidate Roger Kahn criticizes arch-conservative incumbent Bob Barr for hosting a fundraiser with "Motor City Madman" Ted Nugent — because of Nugent's "disregard for women" ... **Asking for it:** A federal appeals court grants qualified immunity from a sexual harassment lawsuit to Douglas County DA David McDade, although the plaintiffs claim he tossed coins down women's blouses, required female employees to wear swimsuits to his parties and used lewd terms in referring to women, because most of 'em flirted back. ◆

Big election opens door for small parties

senate

If this were a regular election, Green Party U.S. Senate candidate Jeff Gates would need about 39,000 signatures to get his name on the ballot.

Instead, he only needs one: His own.

Because the election to fill the late Sen. Paul Coverdell's seat is nonpartisan, small political parties usually frustrated by Georgia's restrictive ballot access laws are getting a rare chance to face the voters in a statewide race. If this were a regular, partisan contest, third-party candidates would need signatures from one percent of the 3.9 million Georgians registered to vote in the 1998 Senatorial election, according to Chris Riggall of the Secretary of State's office. Special elections are open to anyone who can pay the qualifying fee.

"It almost seems wrong to take advantage of a death, but it's an opportunity for the Greens," says Rovene Askren, a Green candidate for the statehouse from Monroe County. "A lot of people have never even heard of the Green Party."

Gates, author of books condemning income inequality, now will be able to inject his ideas into a high-profile race. "Lets let these issues get raised," he says.

The Reform Party also wanted to field a candidate, but party chair Anne Merkl says leaders lost track of time and missed the qualifying period. "I think we should have taken advantage of it," she says. "I would have loved to have someone in the race."

Oddly, not all smaller parties benefit. The Libertarians have a candidate in the contest, Paul McGregor, but their party has already qualified for statewide races on the strength of its showing in previous years. That means McGregor may not stand out as an alternative to Democrat Zell Miller or Republican Mack Mattingly, since no candidate will be listed as a party member on the ballot.

"I would always prefer to have a name and 'Libertarian' next to it, says executive director Mark Mosley. "But we think all parties should have access to the ballot."

— Mike Weiss

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I'M GONNA LIVE FOREVER: Young starlets audition for "Debbie Allen's Soul Possessed" last Tuesday at the Woodruff Arts Center. Over 40 child dancers showed up for the auditions, but only one was cast in the show. "Soul Possessed," a musical set in the Louisiana bayou, opens Aug. 24 at the Alliance Theatre.

What does tongue-piercing suggest politically?

BY JEFF SLATE **streetalk**

Kelly, Atlanta:
Ten years ago, [it meant] "liberal." But piercing is so mainstream today that your typical Republican housewife is most likely to have her tongue pierced. I pierce tongues and nipples for lots of doctors, lawyers, higher-income-bracket people. They just want to be a little crazy or wild, but are still against gun control, for capital punishment and are staunch Republicans.

Seneca, Atlanta:
Democratic, because we don't mind pain, hunger and self-sacrifice. Piercing and tattoos are outward signs of creativity and bravery. We're so brave we can hurt ourselves without being asked. Democrats are born martyrs. Jesus was a Democrat: He had two pierced hands. After my tongue-piercing, I couldn't eat for a week. Piercing is impractical and youthful idealism, just like Democrats are.

Eric, New Orleans:
The African slaves introduced piercing to the Europeans. The tribes had different piercings for their ceremonies. It was religious and you could distinguish the tribes by their tattoos and piercings. Europeans did not understand the significance of it and so looked down on tongue- and nipple-piercing, just like the Republicans, or upper class, do today.

"He made a difference while he was here on Earth. Nobody can ever say or dispute the fact that Hosea Williams made a difference."

— Gov. Roy Barnes at a ceremony to rename a portion of Boulevard Drive after the civil rights leader, who is still battling cancer.

Signposts

NAMED: The Georgia Games Athlete Selection Committee taps powerlifter Trey McAfee and fencer Sada Jacobson as Male and Female Athletes of the Year after the two win gold medals at the Georgia Games Championships.

RENAMED: The Lakewood Freeway is re-tagged the Arthur Langford Jr. Parkway, although it still goes to Lakewood.

SAVED: "The Old Yellow General," Roswell's most voluminous tree, is spared the developers' ax. ◆

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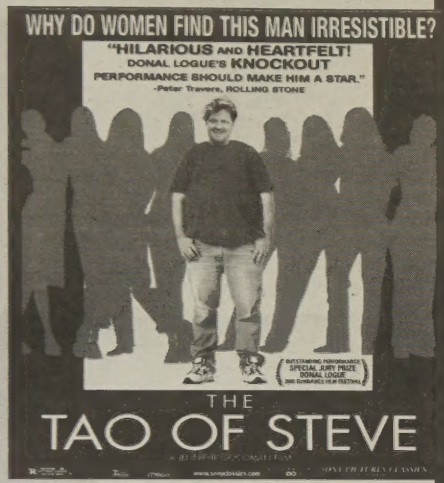
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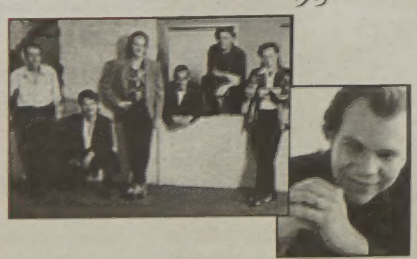

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Rooming house buy lands woman in jailhouse

BY GREG LAND

fight

The rambling, battered wooden house isn't much to look at. In the dirt front yard, an enormous googly-eyed plaster St. Bernard looms amiably next to a scrawled sign: "City Council — House of Pain."

The odd display is indicative of the situation facing the home's owner, Barbara Nation, a Doraville real estate agent embroiled in a battle with city officials that recently landed her in jail.

Zoning squabbles are common enough, but Nation's dilemma seems somewhat inside-out. She's not asking for any variances, zoning changes or anything else.

"All I'm asking to do is live in my house," says Nation. "The man I bought it from lived here. Why can't I?"

Rebecca Beard

Barbara Nation

Nation's problems began when she bought the ramshackle, century-old house in June at a yard sale. The owner, an elderly man, rented out the other rooms to boarders, but Nation says the home was virtually uninhabitable.

"We tore out all the kitchen floor, all the basement, several walls, put on a new roof ..." she says. "The floors were literally ready to fall in. It was a mess."

But when Nation went to get a residential permit to renovate the house, she was told the property had been re-zoned for commercial use. Her plan — to live there and remodel, and maybe turn the rest into triplex apartments — was impossible, she was told. She'd have to get a commercial permit, and she couldn't live on-site.

Doraville City Attorney Ed Carter confirms that the city re-worked its zoning code in the '80s, and the area was zoned for commercial use.

"But we let the elderly man that lived there stay on and keep it as a rooming-house," says Carter. "He'd been there for years, and we didn't want to bother him." Nation, he says, should have simply checked the zoning status of the property before she bought it. "After all," he says," she *is* in the real estate business.

But Nation says she doesn't have the money to invest in a new commercial plan for the site. And her stormy run-ins with the city code inspector, which have already resulted in a fistful of violation notices, turned uglier last week when she went into the Doraville Police Department to inquire about the charges. A clerk took her citations, she says, and refused to return them. She eventually grabbed the papers and left, only to be ordered out of her car by an officer as she sat in the parking lot. As she rolled her window down, she says, she told the officer she had a pistol — and permit — in her car.

After spending a few hours in jail, she was released on charges of disobeying an officer and removing city documents.

Now she's facing a hearing on those charges, as well as an Aug. 17 hearing on the code violations. And she's also pondering her future.

"I love Doraville," she says. "I planned to retire here. But I sure can't now, not as nasty as they've been to me." ◆

Lawsuits may be aimed at abortion clinics

law

First it was multi-million dollar lawsuits filed — and won — against tobacco companies for not making that surgeon general's warning more convincing. Then it was multi-million dollar lawsuits filed against gun manufacturers who knowingly made devices that could kill people. And now, abortion rights organizations are bracing for a spate of lawsuits spawned by pro-lifers.

Earlier this month, the Virginia-based American Life League announced a flotilla of lawsuits launched by women who have had abortions. The lawsuits would be aimed at abortion clinics and providers. If not to shut down all the clinics, the idea is to at least financially hobble them.

ALL's announcement came just before a pro-life attorney speaking at the National Press Club last week predicted that "there are millions of women with potential causes of action out there." The attorney, John Kindley, represents a woman in North Dakota who claims that Fargo's Red River Women's Clinic engaged in false advertising by distributing a pamphlet that denies a link between abortion and breast cancer.

Leola Reis, a spokeswoman for the Atlanta chapter of Planned Parenthood, says lawsuits against clinics are nothing new and plaintiffs are easy to find because women who've had abortions are often dealing with a myriad of problems. They're emotionally vulnerable. Some have been sexually assaulted, others have been abandoned by their boyfriends. They're depressed or angry and looking for a way to lash out.

"It's a lot harder to find women who will speak out and say 'I had it done here, they were really nice to me and I'd have it done again," she says.

Todd Young, an attorney whose public relations firm has worked for the conservative Southeastern Legal Foundation, believes that such mass lawsuits abuse the system, although Young is pro-life.

"As conservatives, we've complained loudly that the gun and tobacco lawsuits were predatory and an abuse of the judicial process, aimed at furthering a social agenda," says Young. "So pro-life conservatives should proceed with caution in the effort to do through the courts what may be better achieved through the legislative process ... including a pro-life constitutional amendment.

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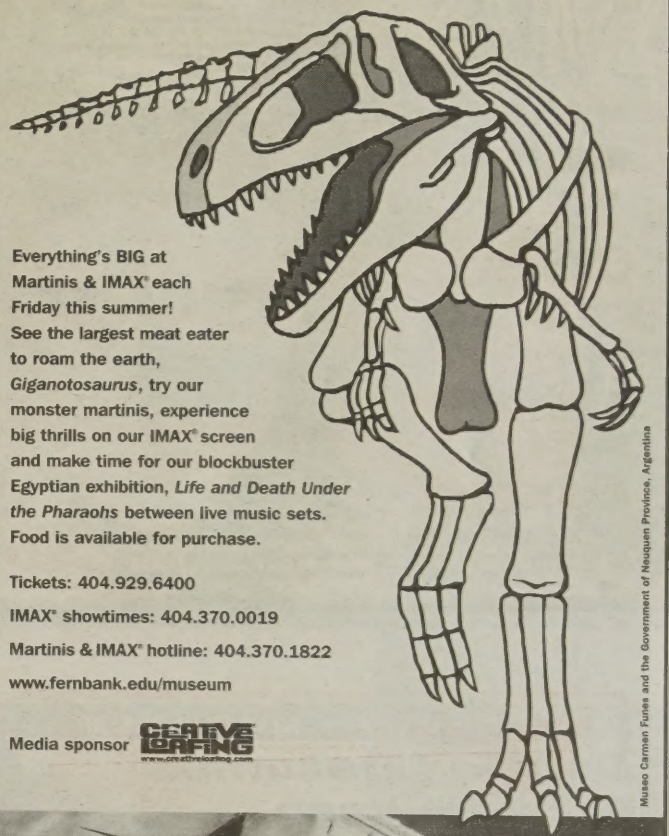

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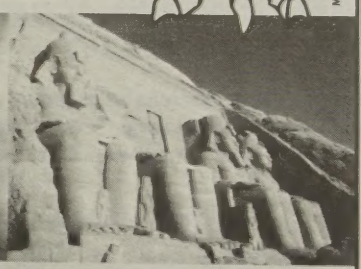

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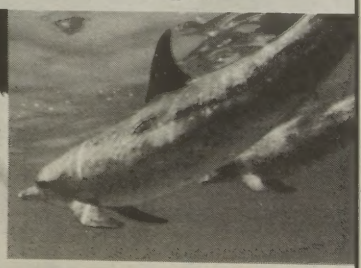

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TALKING BEHIND HIS BACK: Presidential candidate Al Gore waves to a boisterous crowd of Atlanta supporters assembled inside Centennial Olympic Park Thursday, while running mate Joseph Lieberman has a whispered consult with Gov. Roy Barnes in the background. Gore and Lieberman will accept the official party nomination this Thursday at the Democratic convention in Los Angeles.

BIRTH CONTROL

FDA weighing end to pill prescriptions

BY TIMOTHY GLYNN

Women used to visiting a doctor to renew prescriptions for birth control pills may soon be able to buy them over the counter. Last month, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration began hearings on whether or not to make the pill available without a prescription.

It is a topic that certainly has consequences for Georgia. According to Lyn May, executive director of the Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, Georgia has the eighth-highest rate of teen pregnancy nationally, though the numbers have fallen steadily for the past nine years. "Georgia was number one on the list in teen pregnancies back then," says May, "We've made good progress, but the numbers in Georgia are still high."

And May thinks an over-the-counter pill could lower the rate further. "Women's organizations are going to have to push hard if this issue is going to get approved," she says.

Still, there are those who want to exercise caution. Although Kay Scott, president of Planned Parenthood of Georgia, supports the idea, she wonders about the longterm impact on women's health. Right now women must have an annual doctor's visit in order to get a prescription, says Scott, and she worries that once the pill is available over the counter, women will forego regular pelvic exams and pap smears.

But Beth Cope, executive director for the Georgia Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League, questions that. "I wonder if the women that this will benefit are making regular visits to their doctor anyway," she says.

Also at issue is the argument that making it easier for teens to get birth control encourages them to use it. But Cope thinks it won't lead to any more teenage girls to have sex. "If you ask kids to put on a seatbelt, it's not telling them to go out and get in wrecks," she says.

Introduced to the public over 40 years ago, drug manufacturers have long since recovered their original research costs, so making the pill more available will make it much cheaper. Dr. Robert Hatcher, a professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Emory University and a leading proponent of making the pill available without a prescription, says that in countries where the pill is sold over the counter, the cost is a fraction of what U.S. women pay. "It costs a drug company about 12-and-a-half cents to produce per cycle, but the cost now (in the U.S.) is between $25 and $30," says Hatcher.

In any case, a change isn't likely immediately. The FDA takes anywhere from a few months to a few years to make a decision like this about a typical drug, let alone one so politically charged. ◆

Rebecca Eisen

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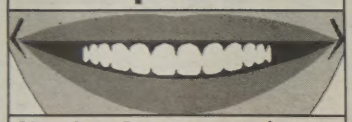
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Runoff elections spell big changes for the future

BY GREG LAND

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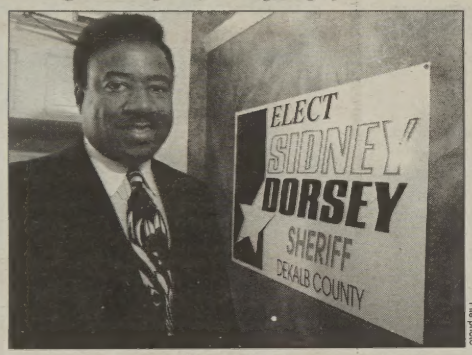
Voters once again went to the polls last week to settle a number of runoff elections. While a great many political posts must still wait until November to be filled, the most recent round of balloting offered a final decision in some high-profile cases, and raised interesting questions in others.

In DeKalb County, the overwhelming defeat of an incumbent sheriff in the Democratic runoff not only means a new occupant for the office at the county jail; it also calls into question the future of an investigation into possible wrongdoing by the losing lawman — an investigation that could send shudders all the way to the offices of the Atlanta City Council.



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Sidney Dorsey

DeKalb must also brace for the entry of a new chief executive, whose ability to work with the county's notoriously fractious board of commissioners will be under close scrutiny when the office changes hands Jan. 1.

In Gwinnett, the election of two lightly funded slow-growth commission candidates over big-money, development friendly opponents raises the possibility that an area that's never seen a patch of dirt it didn't want to pave may finally be choking on its own excess.

And the results of the Democratic runoff for a contested U.S. House seat guarantees that major money and national attention will be focused on a race that was decided last time around, by a handful of votes between candidates spending what essentially amounted to pocket change.

• The upset defeat of DeKalb Sheriff Sidney Dorsey by a 2-to-1 margin at the hands of challenger Derwin Brown, a longtime member of the DeKalb Police Department — who barely made it into a runoff when Dorsey failed to win outright in the July primaries by less than 1,000 votes — is widely attributed to two factors. First, Brown's two primary opponents quickly threw their support to Brown for the runoff.

But the key to Dorsey's loss was a torrent of bad press following a lawsuit filed days before the July primaries by a female sheriff's department employee, alleging sexual harassment linked to a an affair with the sheriff. Among her allegations were charges that Dorsey used county-paid deputies to work for his private security firm — assertions which Dorsey has repeatedly denied. Further roiling the waters were revelations that Dorsey had sent DeKalb County Jail inmates to work on private homes at the behest of his wife, Atlanta City Councilwoman Sherry Dorsey, who oversees a community-rehabilitation program through her city office.

Blasting what he characterized as a last-minute, media-fueled campaign ploy to smear him, both Dorsey and his wife forcefully deny any wrongdoing, and Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell's office has pledged support for Councilwoman Dorsey's program.

But DeKalb County District Attorney J. Tom Morgan says an investigation into the sheriff's possibly improper use of inmate labor and county personnel will continue, despite Dorsey's lame-duck status. Morgan spokeswoman Susan Cobleigh says that the county's criminal probe may ultimately involve Mrs. Dorsey as well, but that such speculation is, at this point, premature at best.

Addressing concerns raised publicly by Sheriff-elect Brown that Dorsey may attempt to hinder the transition to a new administration, Dorsey says he's instructed his staff to fully cooperate with Brown and his team. The sheriff "expects an orderly transition, and has contacted Mr. Brown to tell him that," says Dorsey's spokeswoman, Cherlea Dorsey (the sheriff's daughter).

• Following the same generally courteous, issue-oriented tone of the entire DeKalb CEO race, last week's runoff victory by current state Rep Vernon Jones over his opponent, County Commissioner Ken Davis, ended with a gracious concession from Davis. Davis' faltering campaign had taken a slight turn for the negative in the closing days, but he nonetheless pledged full support and cooperation to Jones. Because there was no Republican challenger, Jones assumes the CEO's office in January.

There had been speculation that the matchup between Jones, a black south DeKalb lawmaker, and Davis, a white commissioner from north DeKalb, would result in a racially and geographically polarized election. Indeed, the southern end of the county did swing almost solidly to Jones — but so did a large section of north and central DeKalb, a testament to Jones' tireless stumping and diligent attention to the concerns of the county's neighborhoods.

How effective was he? Impressive enough to get an endorsement from the DeKalb Republican Party *and* the State Employees Union; effective enough to tally up a victory over Davis with 63 percent of the vote.

But Jones knows that all eyes will be on his ability to forge a working relationship with the County Commission. Under current CEO Lianne Levetan, county legislation has frequently taken a back seat to bickering between CEO and an unofficial coalition of four commissioners, Throughout his campaign and afterward, Jones cited voter complaints about infighting between commissioners and CEO as a major obstacle for efficient government.

"Everywhere I go, people talk about the gridlock," said Jones, who has pledged to build consensus and involve commissioners in the decision-making process at every level — a decidedly sore point under the current administration.

• In Gwinnett County, where slow-growth advocates were braced for the worst after development-friendly forces poured tens of thousands of dollars into commission races, two candidates triumphed despite running on a fraction of the resources available to their opponents.

In her bid for office, County Commission District 1 candidate and slow-growth advocate Marcia Neaton spent about $11,000 to defeat real estate agent Bill Reed, who spent almost $71,000 in his losing bid for office, by a 59 -to- 41 percent margin.

In District 3, candidate John Dunn — who ran on a pledge of refusing campaign funds from developers — spent just over $10,000 to squeak by Scott LeCraw. Although LeCraw raised nearly $100,000, much of it from developers, and spent almost $90,000, voters handed Dunn 52 percent of the vote.

• In the Democratic race to challenge Republican U.S. Rep. Bob Barr in Georgia's 7th Congressional District, money returned to its customary role, allowing well-heeled liquor magnate Roger Kahn to defeat the modest shoe-leather campaign of Jim Williams on a 2-1 margin. Kahn, who's so far raised $1.4 million for his campaign, spent some $600,000 of it to beat Willams — whose entire campaign cost about $8,000.

File photo
Vernon Jones

Following his victory, Kahn immediately pledged to run on the issues against Barr, a political lightning-rod for many Democrats because of his leading role in the failed effort to impeach Bill Clinton.

Kahn wasted no time tackling Barr where it hurts: on the touchy topic of geriatric rock 'n' rollers. This week, Kahn's campaign attacked plans for a Barr fund-raiser featuring Ted "Pops" Nugent, because his music displays "disregard for women." Honest. ◆

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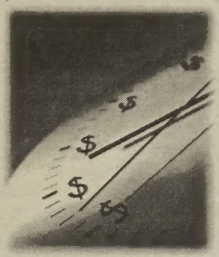

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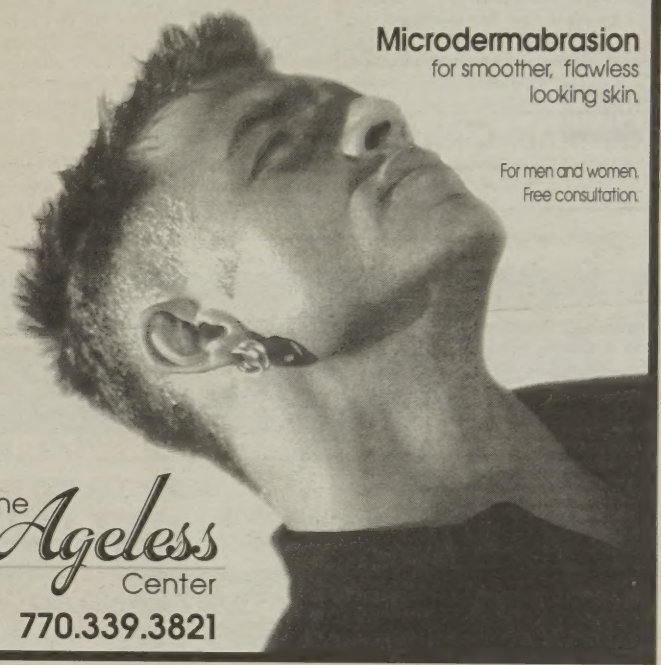

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Wary of relatives, DFCS seeks foster parents

BY STEPHANIE RAMAGE

The Division of Family and Children Services says fallout from the notorious Terrell Peterson case has increased the need for foster families, and Don Keenan, a child advocacy lawyer who pursued Peterson's case, is crying foul.

children

It used to be that the top priority for caseworkers with the Division of Family and Children Services was to keep families together — even if that meant leaving a child with a biological family who didn't necessarily want the child around. The emphasis of the department, according to Liz Bryant, a placement resources manager for DFCS, has always been keeping families together. But DFCS caseworkers have changed their methods since the Peterson case drew negative national attention to Georgia's foster care system.

"Case managers are less likely to leave children in families now without knowing specifically that they will be protected," says Bryant. With fewer children placed with relatives, the same number of foster parents end up taking care of more and more kids — or they end up in shelters instead.

Trouble is, none of the people responsible for the long, slow, torture death of 6-year-old Terrell Peterson were his relatives. His "grandmother" was not his grandmother. His "aunt" was not his aunt. They were instead the grandmother and aunt of Terrell's half-siblings, who had also been abandoned by his mother. Terrell's father is unknown.

Terrell's mother was a substance-abusing prostitute. She was estranged from her family in south Georgia. That's where Terrell's real grandmother was, along with a large clan of Terrell's relatives, people whom Keenan describes as "gainfully-employed people who own their homes." But they didn't know about Terrell and when they did find out, it was because he had been killed.

"Common sense tells you that a child would be better cared for by blood relatives," says Keenan. "There were at least nine blood relatives of Terrell's in south Georgia who would have loved to have taken care of him. It's sickening that they would use him as an excuse for not trying to find blood relatives."

The importance of blood relatives is a topic that has dogged Keenan since 1988, when he brought suit against the state for the horrendous mishandling of the Kathy Jo Taylor case. Kathy Jo, 5, and her 3-year-old sister Jodie were left by their mother, who had problems similar to those that beset Terrell's mother, in the care of their biological grandmother in a neighborhood where four of her uncles lived. The girls were well cared for, but their grandmother became worried about their legal status. She called DFCS because she thought it was her responsibility to tell the state that she was raising her daughter's children. Shortly thereafter, the state removed the girls from their grandmother's home. Six months and five foster homes later, Kathy Jo had been beaten into a coma by a foster parent. She remained on life support until she was 21 years old, when she died.

The Kathy Jo Taylor case resulted in a federal consent order which requires four things of Georgia's DFCS : 1) Caseworkers have to exhaust every possibility of placing a child with a blood-relative. 2) Foster parents cannot use corporal punishment. 3) Caseworkers have to have monthly face-to-face meetings with foster children. 4) Upon charges of abuse being filed, DFCS workers have to appear in juvenile court with the child and justify the agency's actions relative to the abuse. Those provisions were made law by the state legislature in 1989.

"I bet over at DFCS there's not a friggin' one of 'em who even remember who Kathy Jo Taylor was," says Keenan. "Or the laws she gave her life for."

But Bryant does remember. She's been with DFCS for 20 years. She points out that the people who abused Terrell Peterson may not have been his relatives, but they were also not foster parents — as was the case with Kathy Jo Taylor. DFCS is looking for about a thousand good parents who can care for nearly 700 new arrivals in the DFCS system since December — when the department began more readily removing children from their abusive biological families.

In December 1999, there were 12,198 children in the care of the state. As of June there were 12,874. Some of the 670 new kids have been absorbed into existing foster homes. Some foster parents have as many as six children. Other new arrivals are living in DFCS shelters. Bryant admits that neither situation is ideal, but until people open their hearts and homes to these children, the state has few options.

"Our first responsibility is the safety of the child;" says Bryant.

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Net gain?

AJC *weaves a web of gimmickry*

BY GREG FULTON

The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* has taken a giant leap into the present. High-profile changes this past Sunday and planned for next week reflect a concerted effort for the paper to be viable in all things interactive and Internet.

The main change so far has been the conversion of Sunday's "Perspective" opinion section into an opinion-oriented mishmash titled "@issue." Sunday's "Arts" section also unveiled two columns of blurbs, titled "e arts", which offer websites pertinent to arts and entertainment. Next week, every section of the paper is scheduled to add similar "e" features: "e sports", "e business" and so on.

AJC Managing Editor John Walter says the changes further the paper's effort to cover a new culture, just as newspapers covered radio and TV upon their invention. In the face of the Net, Walter admits, newspapers can seem "out of it" — a "clunky" and "old-culture" medium. No argument here. Every newspaper executive in America is feeling threatened by the Internet and is struggling to do something more than offer an online edition.

The problem from a journalistic standpoint is that the *AJC*, through its existing features, columns and news stories is already *covering* the Internet as a newspaper should. The new stuff is an attempt to capture the dynamic of the Net with simplistic interactive offerings or by steering people toward sites that are — at least, in the case of "e arts" — nothing more than advertisements for movies. It's really gimmickry posing as brave new world.

The print version of "@issue" contains new features. In addition to the usual mix of letters, an editorial and columns, there are book reviews (taken from the "Arts" section), blurbs recounting the week's stop stories, a science page and two columns of Web blurbs. There also are blurbier blurbs like "By the numbers" (Example; "49 years: Life expectancy of a child born in 1900") and "Quotes of the Week," both being the kind of silly tidbits found in *Time* and *Newsweek*.

But readers lose something amid the changes. The debut "@issue" splashes just one long think piece (on women and the presidency). The old Perspective section normally offered, well, perspective on two or three topics. I must say the section looked good, but I couldn't help feeling a dumbing down was one end result.

The idea of covering a new culture aside, is the effort really to be hipper? Retain readers? Capture new or younger readers? Of course. The Net threatens old media with a bleak business future. Is it a sign of desperation? Well, the numbers don't really bear that out. Total circulation for the morning *Constitution*, for example, has held in the 300,000 realm since 1998. Sunday circulation is down some 16,000 from last year but still in the 600,000 range. Then again, those numbers aren't exactly what one would hope for in the fastest-growing metro area east of the Mississippi.

Diss-closure

Sunday's *AJC* also offered examples an enduring responsibility to which the daily often falls short — corporate disclosure. The *AJC* is owned by Cox Enterprises, which also owns WSB-TV, WSB-AM and FM radio, and two other radio stations in Atlanta. Too often, the paper writes about its corporate partners without mentioning the shared ownership.

On Sunday, that happened at least three times: A short piece on broadcast ratings rightly headlined that WSB-AM was again the top station, but failed to disclose Cox as the parent company. A related piece on radio websites included site addresses for a host of stations, including four Cox-owned stations found online via "Access Atlanta," the city site that itself is operated by Cox Interactive and can be linked via ajc.com. And then there was a long, love-letter feature on Bill Nigut, WSB-TV's political reporter.

That was too much Cox in one paper for me.

Job opening

The topic of corporate disclosure would seem to fall within the purview of *AJC* Public Editor George Edmonson. His job is to shepherd corrections, and to write a Saturday column explaining the workings of the daily and responding to reader complaints or questions.

But Edmonson hasn't exactly been a harsh watchdog. One example: His Aug. 5 column, which lauded the *AJC* for giving readers so much for just 50 cents. He didn't mention that the paper was on that very day giving readers a bit less. Unlike with the changes plugged on the front page in Sunday's paper, the *AJC* quietly scrapped its "Conversation Starter" editorial, which had appeared directly across from Edmonson's column.

Though they may sometimes help readers, his largely vapid pieces are a hoot to local media wags, enough so to make you wonder just what he was being allowed to do. Now, though, comes a chance for the paper to hire a truly independent ombudsman and back off the cheesiness. Edmonson is leaving by year's end to become a reporter in the newspaper's Washington bureau.

Bringing in someone from outside the paper could add credibility, maybe someone like formerly-run-out-of-town *AJC* Editor Bill Kovach, who was performing the ombudsman's role at *Brill's Content* up until his two-year deal ended this spring. No, I'm not hinting that he's coming back, but we can dream, right? ◆

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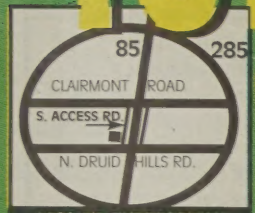

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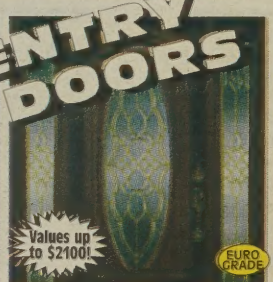

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Rebecca Beard

IS THAT A BAT IN YOUR BAG, OR ARE YOU HAPPY TO SEE DALE?: Baseball fan Lucas Griggs snaps a few pictures of the plaque honoring Dale Murphy following a ceremony inducting the two-time MVP, along with owner Ted Turner, into the Braves Hall of Fame Monday at Turner Field.

Back up the truck

BY AMY JINKNER-LLOYD

Ted Turner and Dale Murphy were inducted into the Braves Hall of Fame on Monday. On Tuesday, Chipper Jones became the position player with the highest average salary in the history of the game. For now, anyway.

All because Turner managed the Braves for one game in Pittsburgh. He discovered that, "If you don't have 'em in the dugout, you can't put 'em on the field."

Words to live by.

Turner didn't always feel this way. "Murph," he said to Dale Murphy when the Braves were at their lowest, "don't worry about this slump. You're saving me thousands of dollars."

Now, Turner's team roster includes a couple of players who make more in a year than the $10 million he paid for the team in 1976.

After Ken Griffey Jr. was traded to Cincinnati — his home-town team — before the season began, Jones said of Griffey's willingness to take less money to play for the team he grew up with, "What the hell's he thinking?" Then he reconsidered: "He's already had a big contract."

With Chipper's last contract, he was coming off a horrendous injury. He was more concerned about the length. This time, it was about the money.

"I'm not concerned with being the highest paid player," Jones said in spring training. "But I want to get, for once in my career, market value. And if for six months in my life I'm the highest paid player in the game."

Don't look now, but $15 million a year will not make him the highest paid player: Kevin Brown, the Dodgers pitcher, is already getting that.

Jones didn't know until just recently what, if anything, was going on with GM John Schuerholz, partly by design. "My agent" — Steve Hammond out of Orlando, the most low-key of the agents he interviewed — "might not tell me if they made an absurd offer so it wouldn't piss me off," Jones said early in the process. "Or he might [tell me] so I get pissed off enough to decide to become a free agent. That's more money for both of us."

Two months ago — also in Pittsburgh, coincidentally — Bobby Bonilla was making beeping sounds in the visitors' clubhouse at Three Rivers Stadium. "The truck's backin' up!" he chortled, needling Chipper Jones.

Tuesday, the truck arrived, to the tune of six years and $90 million, plus club options that can push the total even higher. Theoretically.

Don't get all emotional about Jones being a Brave for the rest of his career, though. You thought that about Dale Murphy, too, remember? And David Justice?

I was in my first season covering the Braves when Justice taught me the most valuable lesson I've learned in pro sports: "Just remember," he told me, "they traded Dale Murphy." ◆

amy jinkner-lloyd's hot shots

What has Atlanta's sports scene buzzing ...

$22,603.98 — Amount Chipper Jones will earn for every at-bat of a new six-year, $90 million contract.

326 — Days between starts for Falcons running back Jamal Anderson, who tore his ACL last September in Dallas. The tally for his appearance Friday: five carries, zero yards.

.433 — Rafael Furcal's on base percentage in the lead-off spot.

On second thought ... — Thrashers restricted free-agents who thought Atlanta would have to match better offers from other teams discover Don Waddell is the only GM who wants them at any price. Gives you a lot of confidence for this season, doesn't it?

$5,884.66 — Amount Chipper Jones will earn for every pitch in every at-bat of that six-year, $90 million contract.

B.J. Surhoff — didn't miss a single pitch during the Dodgers series last weekend; he made contact with every swing of the bat.

Joe Hamilton — passed up by the Falcons, tearing it up so far in preseason with the Bucs. Another one of those stellar personnel decisions by Dan Reeves.

Fantasy league — Who would you rather have on your team: Chipper Jones or Alex Rodriguez? ◆

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give it a new meaning," he says. "It allows that person to no longer be a victim."

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Just a couple of months after it happened, though, Tavares has a long way to go. He stops back at the clinic often to work with Bone on the pamphlets, and also for tests to make sure he's still free of disease. He wants to start talking to kids at the clinic in similar situations, helping them come to grips with what they've been through. "I can talk all day," he says proudly.

The criminal investigation, however, has barely moved ahead. It was an Atlanta police detective who first talked to Tavares, taking a statement and filing a report. But when officers realized that the incident allegedly happened in East Point, where Tavares' paternal grandmother lives, the detective collected all his work and faxed it to the East Point police.

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What happened there is unclear, but the fax somehow didn't make it to the right desk, because East Point detectives had never heard of the case until last week, when Lt. Audrey Harrelson dug it up after a reporter called about the matter. Needless to say, the investigation has barely begun, and Tavares' father has not been charged. Tavares says he has no idea where his father might be.

"We want him to get caught," Tavares says. "My family says it would be closure."

In the meantime, he keeps living. He goes camping with his Boy Scout troop — Tavares is a First Class Senior Patrol Leader with 14 merit badges and a knack for weaving lanyards — and hangs out with kids in a youth group. Monday, he started ninth grade.

He also keeps writing. Bone gave him the word processor she used in college, so now instead of traveling to a community center or library to find a computer, Tavares can type his stories as he lies on his neatly-made bed, with a Martin Luther King Jr. poster on the wall and a Winnie-the-Pooh doll next to his pillow.

Sometimes, he prefers writing by hand instead. Occasionally he'll carry his dog-eared notebook to a park off Memorial Drive, not far from his apartment, and sit on the old wooden bleachers with the paint peeling off as he composes a new message. No matter how sad the topic, the entries usually start out with "Dear Journal" written in large, friendly letters.

He's written a couple of pieces for new pamphlets since "Time's Up." One is called "You Should Use Protection." The other is "Why Every Boy Needs a Father."

Then there's this article. There's worry, of course, in Tavares' family — and, to be honest, a little in Tavares himself — that as strongly as he wants to help out other kids, as much as he wants to tell them not to be afraid and ashamed if it happens to them, making the whole, horrible event public isn't such a good idea. His grandmother, for instance, didn't want to be quoted, though she allowed Tavares permission to talk. His pastor didn't return calls.

But Tavares is adamant about it. The best way to teach other kids not to be embarrassed is not to be embarrassed himself.

That's why he wants to go to clinics and schools and churches to give talks. That's why he lets himself be photographed for the newspaper. And that's why he'll sign the pamphlets he writes.

"It's my story," he says. "It's going to be my name on it." ◆

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Tavares walks in the park near his home where he writes in his journal.

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Guns and crime

Focus on criminals, not buyers

BY LUKE BOGGS

Despite the best efforts of social scientists, crime and punishment has never been complicated business, and two recent news reports confirm what common sense has been telling us all along. If you want to reduce crime, focus on controlling criminals, not average citizens.

Early this month, the *New York Times* reported that America's prison population — also known as the number of killers, rapists, armed robbers and drug pushers safely cut off from the rest of us — expanded again last year, by 3.4 percent.

With crime declining over the past eight years, the paper seemed puzzled by the continuing growth in the prison population. The headline summed it up: "Number in Prison Population Grows Despite Crime Reduction."

A better headline might have explained, "Number in Prison Population Grows in Tandem with Crime Rate Decline."

There is no contradiction, after all, between a rising prison population and a falling crime rate. In recent years, crime has declined, not disappeared. Innocents continue to be robbed, raped and killed every day. Predators continue to be brought to justice. And, even with crime rates down, the number of criminals going into prison is greater than the number coming out.

Instead of a contradiction, there is a straightforward connection between incarceration and crime rates: The two are inversely related, with one tending to go up as the other comes down.

America's incarceration rate has quadrupled since 1980. With so many more lawbreakers behind bars, it should be no surprise that crime rates have declined. But it is surprising — at least to the *Times*' liberal news staff. Trying to refute the obvious connection, the reporter noted that growth in the nation's prison population "hit a high of 8.7 percent in 1994, well after the crime wave [began] to decline in 1991."

Yet, growth in the overall prison population is a function not only of the number of people entering the system but also the number exiting. As such, get-tough sentencing policies enacted well before 1994 contributed to that year's steep rise in prison population — and the ongoing slide in crime rates.

Even as the *Times* was unwittingly making the case for America's high rate of incarceration, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* was reporting that restrictions imposed by the Brady gun law on average citizens were utterly ineffectual in reducing firearm homicides.

Passed with great fanfare in 1993 and relentlessly trumpeted by Bill Clinton and Al Gore ever since, the Brady Act requires gun retailers across the country to impose a five-day waiting period on handgun purchases and conduct background checks of all buyers.

By comparing post-Brady homicide rates in states where the restrictions were new to rates in states with similar, existing restrictions, study authors Jens Ludwig and Philip J. Cook found "no evidence that implementation of the Brady Act was associated with a reduction in homicide rates."

The study won't dissuade gun control advocates, who remain convinced that limiting legal access to firearms for everyone will reduce gun crime. This notion is based not on hard evidence — as the JAMA study shows — but on the flawed assumption that every would-be gun buyer in America is a potential killer. And that just isn't so.

This fall, the presidential election will offer voters a real choice on the issues of gun control and crime prevention.

In recent years, crime has gone down in spite of Clinton Administration policies that hassle gun buyers while going soft on gun criminals. The president made soccer moms swoon with empty blather about "protecting our kids," but the hard truth is that federal gun prosecutions plunged 46 percent between 1992 and 1998.

Gore would see Clinton's approach and raise him big time. He's vowing to ban inexpensive handguns, license handgun owners and compile a federal database of all new gun buyers.

George W. Bush, on the other hand, would bring a more thoughtful approach to crime and guns, taking aim at criminals with aggressive enforcement of current gun laws while giving law-abiding gun buyers a break with instant background checks, not waiting periods.

Sounds like a winner to me. ◆

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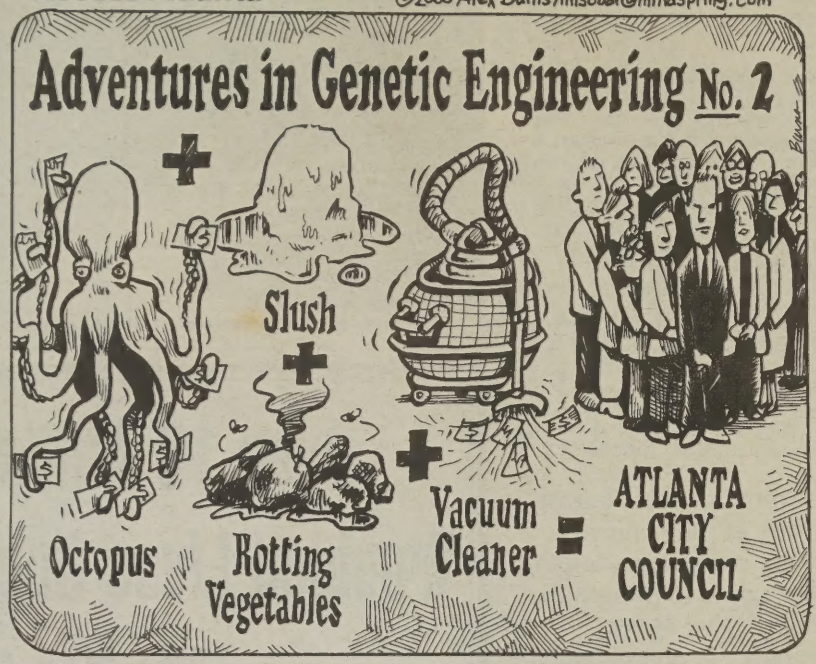
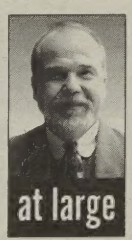


A flag for everybody?

Georgia banner befouls the breezes across our state

BY TOM HOUCK

The time has come for Gov. Roy Barnes to take an affirmative stance to change, once and for all, the Confederate battle emblem on the state's flag — no ifs, ands or buts. Barnes must unequivocally speak out and make it perfectly clear that the symbol separates Georgians and that, if we don't change it, the controversy will wreak havoc on the state's economy and image.



Although the Georgia General Assembly won't convene for another five months, Barnes must begin now to set the tone for the debate. He needs to call a press conference and say, "It's time for the flag to go"

This governor has a great deal of goodwill with members of the Legislature. He has shown his ability to pass legislation and twist arms. He did it for education reform, he did it for health-care reform. Now he must do it regarding the St. Andrew's cross and stars on the Georgia flag. He owes it to us all and especially to his strongest base of voters: African Americans.

A year from now, if action is not taken, we'll deserve what we get: the scorn of the nation, economic boycotts, and a resounding "no" from big sporting events and conventions. What lies ahead, if decisive action is not taken now, is turmoil, discontent and a storm of protest.

While the governor should be looked upon to give moral leadership, the focus on two other prominent politicos — House Speaker Tom Murphy and Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor — can't be overlooked. Murphy depends largely on the Legislative Black Caucus and urban legislators to maintain the longest-standing speakership in the country. Taylor wouldn't be where he is today without the black vote.

Likewise, in this year's statewide election for the U.S. Senate, Zell Miller and Mack Mattingly can't be let off the hook, either. Miller, who courageously attempted to change the flag in 1993, has been virtually mum on the issue since; he needs to make it clear where he stands. As for Mattingly, this might be a good opportunity to score a few points as one of these cuddly new "inclusive" Republicans who debuted their feel-good party in Philadelphia by stating his support for change.

Both could do us all a service by vowing to retire this symbol of racism as an ugly part of a fading past.

Then there are the presidential candidates. Remember the South Carolina primary, where George W. Bush boldly refused to climb off the fence? He declined to take a position on the flying of the Confederate flag over the state Capitol. Dubya now has a chance to redeem himself and "leave no child behind." But will he? Al Gore has said he believes the flag should go, but will he make the flag issue a part of his campaign speeches in Georgia? He should.

The time has come to put real leadership to a test. This time to equivocate is over: We all know the arguments in this over-extended debate. Starting with Gov. Barnes, Speaker Murphy and Lt. Gov. Taylor, the call for a vote to change the flag needs to begin today. This doesn't need to be a partisan issue. While courage is necessary by our political leaders, the moral indignation of flying a flag that screeches out racial hatred and division should spur us all to clamor for a new banner. ◆

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Goodbye, Midtown

Newcomers urged to handle with care

BY TONY JOHNSON

soapbox

It's time for me to say goodbye to Midtown. After living adjacent to Piedmont Park for almost nine years, the tremendous growth (read: rent increase) has prompted me to move. It's a sad and yet exciting time for me and my beloved neighborhood.

I moved to Midtown from Buckhead in December, 1991. I wanted to be close to Piedmont Park, where I love to run, walk, ride my bike, feed the ducks and people-watch. I also wanted to be closer to the bars, restaurants and shops that I frequented. And back then, Midtown was a very affordable area. It had lots of character. A mix of old and new. A mix of multicultural and multiethnic backgrounds.

It was, and still is, a great place to live.

So much has happened while I've made Midtown my home. Both the female and male Olympic marathons ran right past my apartment. I stood with friends and my 2-week-old goddaughter to cheer them on, then we headed up to Peachtree Street to cheer them at the 22-mile mark as well. I stood in Piedmont Park with a couple thousand of my neighbors late in the evening to greet the Olympic Torch as it made its way through.

Even though the crowds and traffic were a nuisance, I welcomed the Atlanta Arts Festival each year until its fateful move to Centennial Park. Gay Pride was always lots of fun, and I loved it when the parade route was changed to pass right in front of my place last year. The Dogwood Festival, Pot Festival and Jazz Festival all took place in my "back yard." And so did the initially innocent, ultimately nightmarish melee known as Freaknik/Black College Spring Break.

I've competed in several 5K road races in the park, and it was always great fun to stroll over and watch the finish of the Peachtree Road Race each year. I've also had some great picnics with friends, not to mention some wonderful romantic interludes there, as well.

The park itself has seen a tremendous amount of change since I came to the neighborhood. The sewage overflow ditch at Monroe and 10th has been covered and turned into a beautiful field. There was the battle with the Piedmont Conservancy to keep Oak Hill a wide-open green space and not have it dissected with sidewalks. The new entrance gates, welcome center and conversion of the stables to meeting places were good changes.

Besides the park, I've enjoyed being able to easily walk to a wide variety of locally owned shops and restaurants. I've also been very fortunate that my work commute has always been against the traffic flow: no two-hour stop-and-go for me, just a quick 15-minute drive usually did the trick.

It's interesting that so many others are finally recognizing the convenience and many benefits of intown living. But, along with the renewed interest and explosive growth, come higher rental and property costs. Parking is even more of a challenge. And I've noticed more petty crime in the area, as evidenced by the broken car-window glass on the sidewalks.

Apartments are being converted to condominiums everywhere. Some of the newer apartment buildings are converted before the paint and concrete are even dry, it seems.

There's even a Post Property in Midtown now. While I was a little repulsed at the thought of a large, cookie-cutter chain apartment building being constructed right on Piedmont Park, I commend Post for doing a good job of blending in, as much as possible, with the surrounding environment. But I was shocked and disappointed to read recently that Post Parkside has one of the highest residential square-foot rental rates in the entire metro area.

So it seems that those of us who embraced Midtown for years but weren't forward-thinking enough — or wealthy enough — to buy in Midtown are now being priced out.

I hope the newcomers won't try to change it too much. And I urge those new Midtowners to keep a close watch on the developers, stay involved with the City Council, and support all those great local businesses.

I hold no animosity toward those who are developing and moving into the neighborhood. I just hope they'll fight to help Midtown keep its character. Meanwhile, I'll look for you at the park. ◆

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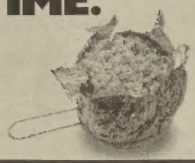

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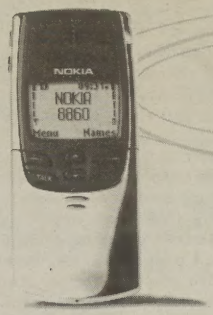

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Debut ShedSpace at the home of Joey Orr in Decatur

BY FELICIA FEASTER

visual arts

While some would have you believe it's all about the art on the walls, more cynical types know that in the culture racket, it's as much showbiz as raw talent. Thus the headline-making importance of design in recent art-world spaces such as Richard Meier's Getty Center, Frank Gehry's Bilboa and Yoshio Taniguchi's expansion and renovation of New York's Museum of Modern Art.

The politics and aesthetics of space are of equal concern to smaller venues where the difference between art hung on exposed brick walls and pristine white ones signals the difference between grass-roots exposure and upwardly mobile sales.

That subtext of space is being given an amusing spin by local writer-cum-art entrepreneur Joey Orr, an imaginative Atlanta native who's chosen an unlikely venue for a series of art exhibits: the humble, utilitarian shed. Formerly home to brown recluse spiders and dad's aborted home-repair projects, the shed is the outdoor version of the attic, a realm of denial where the overflow of American accumulation finds a country home. If the gallery space is all about fetishizing setting (and thus, the work that hangs there), the shed is the inverse — the kind of forgotten space you put things you'd rather just went away.

ShedSpace, Orr's reinstallment of the shed to center stage, has the energy of the lemonade stand or puppet shows staged in summertime backyards as a kid — the kind of anarchical lark far from the self-serious pretensions of the art world.

"Once On a Bright Summer Day" by Charlotte Wegrzynowsky

Throughout August, the ShedSpace exhibitions will feature a host of artists displaying their work for one day only in four sheds in East Atlanta, Decatur, Reynoldstown and East Lake. Shed owners chose the artists they wanted to present in their own sheds, though Orr says that in the case of the last shed, owned by Todd Johnson and Anne Palmer, "they didn't really have any connection to the art scene at all, so I hooked them up with Ballroom Studios."

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Alli Royce Soble with tools of her trade

The debut ShedSpace is in Orr's own Decatur backyard and features works by 27-year-old Georgia State graduate Alli Royce Soble. Soble's work has been featured in the 1999 Nexus Biennial and *Hairdos and Tractor Pulls* at Trinity Gallery. This is, thus far, her first "outbuilding show." Soble, who realizes the importance of venue says she wisely looked at the shed before deciding to do the show. As young artists

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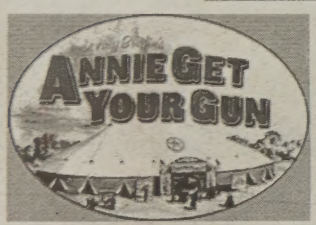

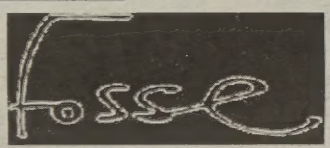

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A step ahead

Atlanta's dance season strolls through past and present

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The 2000-2001 dance season in Atlanta offers enough diversity to satisfy dance fans of every taste: from international dance companies performing steps thousands of years old to contemporary choreographers innovating with the latest technology; from ballet steps done to rock 'n' roll to the latest modern dance moves done to the music of Chopin.

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In the Atlanta Ballet's first major production of the new season, British director Michael Pink, who oversaw Atlanta's productions of *Dracula* and *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, will return to the company to help mount a new production of *Romeo and Juliet* in early October. In May, the Ballet brings its production of *Peter Pan* stateside to Atlanta after its successful run in London and a North American tour. In March, the Atlanta Ballet will appear live with the Indigo Girls at the Fox for a collaborative work that will combine the Girls' folk-rock sound with ballet.

For those with a taste for the exotic and the international, the upcoming season offers plenty of chances to see dance companies performing folk and traditional dances. The China Dance Theater of Shanghai will present a dance version of the ancient Chinese fairytale "The Celestial Phoenix" in February. In March, The Robert Ferst Center for the Performing Arts welcomes August Rising, one of the largest music and dance troupes in China which combines modern interpretive works and traditional dance.

The Rialto Signature Series gets its dance season off to an energetic start on Sept. 29 and 30 with Brazil's energetic folk dance company Balé Folclórico da Bahia performing traditional Afro-Brazilian dances and rhythms.

The Robert Ferst center also has a number of international and American touring companies. On Nov. 8, Ballet Hispanico, which blends modern, ballet and traditional Hispanic dancing styles, performs at the Ferst Center, and the Veriovka Ukranian National Dance Company appears later that month on Nov. 21, performing traditional Ukranian folk dances and music. An Irish-American company, Trinity Irish Dance Company, continues the international flavor of the Ferst season with a performance of Irish dance.

On Sept. 22 and 23, Japanese performers Eiko and Koma will present the Caravan Project, an outdoor installation at Emory University. Eiko and Koma use simple, natural materials in their dramatic performances. In addition to the fall and spring Emory Dance Company concerts, the college will present a dance presentation in celebration of Women's history month in March as well as a lecture by Richard Long, Emory dance scholar and historian, on the relationship between ballet dancer Anna Pavlova's work and Indian dance.

Well-known modern choreographers are well-represented, too. The Mark Morris company returns to town for the third year in a row at the Rialto, this time in February 2001, with *Sang-Froid*, a new show which examines some of the most familiar works of Chopin through dance.

Arthur Ikishima

Balé Folclórico da Bahia

In March, the Stephen Petronio Company will perform at the Rialto. Petronio, who has made a name for himself with his inventive style, has collaborated with artists as diverse as Yoko Ono and the Beastie Boys. In April, *AEROS*, a Cirque du Soleil-style production, hits the Rialto stage with Romanian gymnasts led by the likes of modern choreographers such as Daniel Ezralow, David Parsons, and Moses Pendleton.

The unique rhythms of Jellyeye Drum Theatre come to the Ferst Center in January with a performance of *Blood Lotus*. This company is cross-trained in dance and drumming and creates an exciting mix of percussion and movement. Hubbard Street Dance, one of the most respected and established dance companies of Chicago, performs in January at Ferst, presenting its contemporary blend of jazz, modern and classical ballet technique.

With brand new works choreographed especially for the Ferst and Woodruff Arts centers, the inimitable dance company Pilobolus returns in March with an added performance at Woodruff Arts Center, following two sold-out shows last season.

The athletic company Momix comes to Ferst Center in March with their new work *Orbit*. Known for presenting inventiveness, Momix is a company of dancer-illusionists under the direction of Moses Pendleton. For 12 years, Momix has been known for its otherworldly use of props (swings, ropes and mirrors), light and music with dance.

And lastly, for those who prefer their dance on the glitzy side, in November the Fox's Broadway Series presents the touring version of the show *Fosse*, which recreates some of the Broadway choreographer Bob Fosse's most famous dance numbers, as well as many early works and numbers that have never been seen onstage before. ◆

A stage odyssey

Leaders take flight and leave Atlanta theater in flux

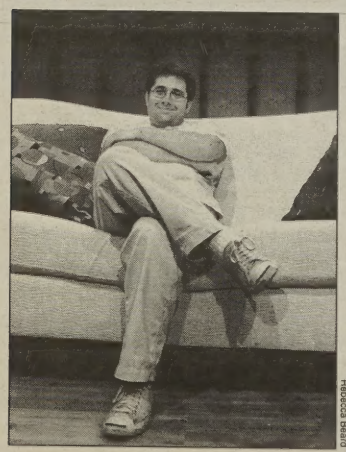
BY CURT HOLMAN

There's a saying, often attributed as an "ancient Chinese curse," that goes "May you live in interesting times." The glass-is-half-empty reasoning behind the adage equates memorable moments with calamitous events.

Times are unquestionably interesting on the Atlanta theater scene, where the latest development was Kenny Leon's July 20 bombshell that this would be his final season as artistic director of the Alliance Theatre. Leon's departure, effective next summer, is the latest in an artistic "brain drain" that has seen the loss of Actor's Express founder Chris Coleman and such valued performers as Peter Ganim.

But Leon views the glass as half full, even when acknowledging the revolving door at the Woodruff Arts Center, which has also seen the exit of Yoel Levi of the Atlanta Symphony and Ned Rifkin of the High Museum. "I think we're still in a place to grow. The arts institutions here are larger than individual persons. When you lose two or three leaders, it's time to move to the next level if you can embrace the values that we've had already."

Weir Harman, incoming artistic director for the Express, shares Leon's outlook: "The headlines about all the attrition from Atlanta's arts community, which are all about our frailty. But I think it's a time when we can show our strengths," says the 33-year-old Richmond native, whose resume includes stints at Seattle's Annex Theater and the International Festival of Arts and Ideas in New Haven, Conn. "It's really kind of invigorating. It's an exciting moment in the cultural life of the city when we can start new conversations."



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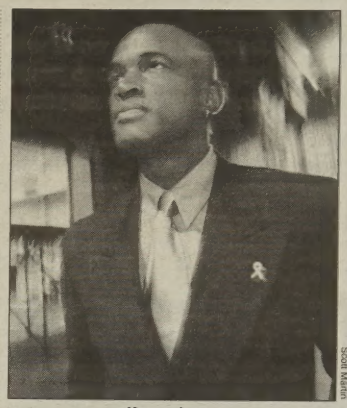
Weir Harman

A graduate of the Yale School of Drama, Harman recognizes that Coleman leaves some big shoes to fill, having made Actor's Express one of Atlanta's most acclaimed playhouses since its 1988 inception. "It's really daunting in the abstract, but I've gotten unconditional support from the Actor's Express board



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Kenny Leon

and within the theater itself," says Harman. "I think part of that is because what I have in mind is not such a hard right turn from the kind of stuff Chris had been doing. If I were proposing a radical departure, I'd probably have a mutiny on my hands."

He continues, "In other situations, I might think, 'I'm inheriting a subscriber base and an infrastructure,' but I also feel I've inherited an ethic about production and why we do theater in the first place. The through-line I read in all the work they did was placing a high premium on imagination, risk and resourcefulness in staging." Harman's first season includes such avant-garde work as *The America Play* by Suzi Lori-Parks and Joe Orton's black comedy *Loot*.

Harman will open the season on Sept. 14 by directing Pierre Corneille's *The Illusion*, freely adapted by *Angels in America*'s Tony Kushner, and he has no shortages of ideas for the theater's future. "Next season we'll have a world premiere, possibly in co-production with a theater in another city. We might set up some writing residencies, so in my third year, we can have the world premiere of a show that was developed in-house. And I'd like to do co-productions with other Atlanta theaters."

Hearing Harman plan for seasons ahead helps emphasizes the extent to which Coleman and Leon each influenced Atlanta theater in past decade. Leon has seen the theatrical landscape change since he joined the Alliance more than a decade ago. "Since I started at the Alliance, the number of theaters have increased. You may have had one Actor's Express before, now you have an Actor's Express and a Dad's Garage and a PushPush," he says. "I think Atlanta's a great place to work, although, I don't know if the artistic community is as close as it once was." Nodding to the departure of artists like Coleman and actor/director Andrea Frye, he says, "The artists are more in transit these days, and have different area codes."

"The financial times appear to be tougher," Leon adds, "since there are so many theater companies, and so few cor-

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porations willing to make a long-term commitment, say five or 10 years, to a theater. We used to have two African-American theaters, Jomandi and JustUs. Now JustUs is gone and Jomandi is going through their situation."

After a financial crisis caused Jomandi Productions to cancel the second half of its 1999-2000 season, the playhouse is bouncing back with a new season that includes *Five Guys Named Moe, Black Nativity* and Ruby Dee's one-woman show *My One Good Nerve*. "With every property we're looking for a collaborative partner, an institutional one wherever possible," says artistic director Marsha Jackson-Randolph. "It does help financially, but it also helps lead us to exciting artists and new works."

That approach led Jomandi to *Yo Alice*, a musical, hip-hop version of *Alice in Wonderland*, with the Atlanta premiere planned for Dec. 14. *Yo Alice* is being developed with producer/choreographer Maurice Himes and Radio City Music Hall Entertainment, and comedian Sinbad is in talks to participate.

The new season, however, will continue without the participation of Thomas W. Jones II, producing director and one of Jomandi's founders, who left the theater to form Visionary Innovative Alliances, a production company that develops touring plays as well as compact discs. At the Rialto Theatre Jan. 5-7 VIA will present a showcase of its 2001 projects, including Jones' musical *Birth of the Boom*, a CD by Sonia Sanchez and blues musician's Theodis Ealey's multimedia concert "The Blues Is a Woman."

Some of the current transitions aren't quite so dramatic, such as the Jewish Theatre of the South relocating from the 14th Street Playhouse to the new Morris & Rae Frank Theatre at the Marcus Jewish Community Center in Dunwoody. "I'm thrilled to be back home, in our very own space. The days of schlepping are over," says artistic director Mira Hirsch. "It's a very comfortable 280-seat Proscenium style theater, with extra wide, cushy seats, which my audience will be particularly thrilled about." JTS inaugurates the playhouse with *The Golem*, opening Aug. 30.

Still, the events at the Alliance will set off ripples affecting other theaters. As Lisa Adler of Horizon Theatre puts it, "The Alliance is the big guy in town. They're going to do what they do, and we have to adjust. If we're interested in the same show, the Alliance has to say no first. Kenny's been choosing more contemporary work lately, but fortunately his tastes and mine don't overlap much." Horizon, which begins its season with the musical *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* on Sept. 8, will see less involvement this season from Adler, who is expecting a baby in November.

Leon says that his choice to leave the Alliance didn't come easy. "Making that decision was probably the most difficult thing I've ever done emotionally. It was on my vacation, which is a time when I do a lot of soul-searching and think about where I am spiritually. I saw it was time to move on and to experiment with some new challenges and hopefully, God has something in store for me."

His last season will see Leon directing the new play *Hearts* for the Alliance Studio as well as Eugene O'Neill's *A Moon for the Misbegotten* for the main stage starting Oct. 5. "It's great that I can do it as part of my last season," he says. "Margaret Ferguson, who was an important member of the Academy Theater and played Josie in the play, passed away last year. Her funeral made me think of a great artist and put me in mind of the play. I felt the power of her presence, which really made me want to do it."

He'll offer input for the Alliance's upcoming seasons to the future artistic director, but says, " I think it would be a mistake to plan a new season for someone else." He's proud of his choices for the new season, remaking "I always looked at the season that preceded it to plan the new one. Last year we ended with *Blues in the Night*, so I thought, 'how to continue on that?' We're excited to be doing *Soul Possessed* (opening Aug. 24), which is like an extension of *Aida* and *Hot Mikado*." The piece is written and directed by Debbie Allen, the choreographer best known for arranging the dance numbers of the Academy Awards every year.

Leon has yet to chose what he'll do next, but as a nationally recognized star of regional theater, the sky's the limit. "I love the stage, I probably want to explore directing independent film projects, and still want to act every two to three years. I might freelance for a year, but I'll need something more settled eventually." He feels a strong attachment to Atlanta and the work he's done here. "I feel I'm a huge part of the regional theater movement and want to take it to the next step. I really care about this place and working here — I *am* Atlanta." Whatever Leon decides, it promises more interesting times ahead. ◆

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Spin city

Future Fest surfaces with a bevy of international talent

BY FELICIA FEASTER

multimedia

An underground phenomenon that began in the mid-1980s in England, raves eventually spread to the United States a decade later as renegade parties in obscure locations chosen to deflect cops and out-of-the-loop party crashers.

In the new millennium the phenomenon is known, in Atlanta DJ Gnosis's words, as the "stadium rave" — huge, aggressively promoted events with corporate sponsorship, concession stands, national and often international lineups of DJs, even moonwalks.

Graffiti artists compete at Future Fest 1999

Local coffee shops and record stores are flush with glossy, slick flyers advertising raves around the Southeast often targeted at suburban kids looking for an escape from Dunwoody McMansions and soccer servitude. In the past several years, a cycle of films (*Groove, Human Traffic, Go*) have also popularized the rave ethos, suggesting the inevitable trickle down of everything subcultural to mainstream entertainment.

Though there are proto-ravers who undoubtedly ring their hands at an underground scene gone squaresville, the popularization of rave culture does have some benefits. For one thing, better acts.

At the upcoming Future Fest 2000, a mega rave slated for Aug. 19, the DJ lineup is, in Gnosis's estimation, "an impressive, all-star lineup ... the godfathers of techno." Featured acts in techno's subgenres at Future Fest include: drum and bass legends Derrick May, Juan Atkins, Stacey Pullen, Kevin Saunderson, Technical Itch & Decoder with MC Jr. Blind; progressive trance/house DJs Skylab 2000 and Electric Skychurch; and house/hard house/techhouse gurus Junior Sanchez and DJ Skribble, as well as a host of local talent.

"What we're doing is bringing a diverse lineup so everyone has something to listen to," says Future Fest co-organizer and Charisma Productions rep Darren Hart.

According to Gnosis, who spins drum and bass and reggae at the MJQ Concourse, DJs are the new rock stars, flown in from music hot spots like London, Detroit, New York and Los Angeles, to unlikely venues like College Park's Henderson Arena (site of the second annual Future Fest, which last year drew a crowd of 8,000). What draws upwards of 30 internationally-known DJs to Atlanta? "Money," laughs co-sponsor, Future Foundation's Brendon Lee, who will bring at least 10 DJs to Atlanta in the $15,000-$20,000 price range. At the first Future Fest in 1999, Lee says "we didn't have hardly any international talent. This year we have at least 30 acts that are internationally known, six acts from the UK."

Located on a desolate back road divided by a railroad track (pick a side, both look like the wrong one), the Henderson's marquee touts upcoming wrestling matches, family reunions and horseback riding lessons. In the midst of Ford pick-up territory, the Henderson is an incongruous setting for the army of kiddie ravers who will invade its cowpoke environs for Future Fest, waving glow sticks, nursing pacifiers and wearing pants big enough to shelter a Third World family. In the center of the Henderson rodeo pit is a wrestling platform, attesting to the mixed-use possibilities of the Henderson, which will find new world philosophers of the raver's creed, PLUR (Peace.Love.Unity. Respect.). A techno Lollapalooza, or a hipper version of the high-school carnival, the all-ages Future Fest will offer four stages boasting a continuous run of DJs, as well as massages, a graf-

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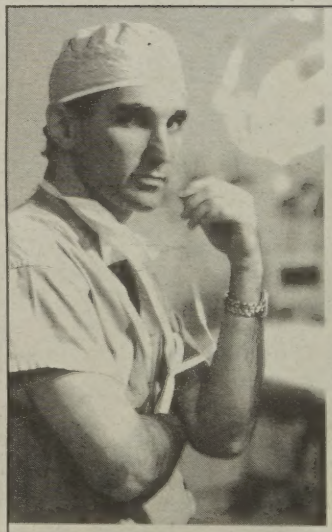

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quickly learn while pursuing their BFA's, the wrong shed could break an artist's career.

The idea for ShedSpace came to Orr after a visit several years ago to San Antonio where he was inspired by Blue Star Arts, an industrial space revamped into an art complex. Of particular interest to Orr was a small room housed behind the complex in which artist Ethel Shipton allowed a rotating cadre of emerging artists to exhibit for a week. It is, says Orr, "the same concept as the shed — where they have three days to move in and do whatever they want to do, the middle day to exhibit, then three days to return the room to the condition they found it." In other words, a nightmare of disarray and rusting tools. Each ShedSpace project can be seen by the public for only one evening, on the Saturday of the opening.

Soble has taken the shed theme and run with it, offering a pun-oriented spin on the utility shed in works melding digital photography, painting and collage, all in an homage to that classically macho accessory: the tool. In one digital image, "Screwed," a woman's head vibrates violently on the head of a screw, while in another, a confused young man wears a wheelbarrow for a hat. Soble's installation blends the overt tools of her trade such as brushes, greasepaint and charcoal (displayed on a small table at the center of the shed) with more covert, technological tools like the printers, computers and cameras that allow her to translate idea to canvas. Like characters from her images come to life, Soble also displays a selection of the hammers, screws, screwdrivers and knives that make up the handyman's repertoire.

"There were a lot of things we wanted to accomplish with the show," says Orr. One of the things was to support the arts community by having a place for them to show and a cool project for them to be a part of. Curious backyard dabblers can spend every Saturday in August finding out just what lies behind the shed mystique. There are two remaining ShedSpace exhibits on view this August. Artists Charlotte and Tom Wegrzynowski will show their moody oil paintings with the Concept Union on Aug. 19, and photographer Todd Carroll, writer/performer Jason Wagner, painter Jeremy Dost and other Ballroom Studios participants will have work on display Aug. 26. ◆

Shed Space exhibitions: Charlotte and Tom Wegrzynowski with the Concept Union on display Aug. 19 from 6-8 p.m., 2459 Boulevard Drive. Todd Carroll, Jason Wagner, Jeremy Dost and others with the Ballroom Studios on display Aug. 26 from 6-8 p.m., 1447 Newton Ave. For information, call 404-288-8572 or go to www.hometown.aol.com/shedspace/exhibitions.html.

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fiti art contest, face painters, laser light shows and for the more back-to-basic raver, camping, with tents available for sale at the arena.

The task of mounting Future Fest has fallen to a gaggle of twentysomethings who testify to the baby-faced ranks of the Atlanta rave scene. Even co-promoter and graffiti art contest organizer Jewels, of Jewels Productions, hesitates to give her age for fear of expulsion from the crib. "Most people when they look at me think I'm in my low to mid-20s," she admits. Charisma, headed by 23-year-old Hart and his 24-year-old girlfriend, Jennifer Horton, and Future Foundation, headed by local DJs Lee (23) and Jeff Darron (22) are responsible for booking the lineup of DJs and MCs.

A graffiti artist at work at Future Fest 1999

Hart, who also DJs as D-Funk, will play a drum-and-bass set at Future Fest and hopes to see 10,000 ravers at the 15,000 capacity Henderson. Hart first started on the rave scene seven years ago and has watched an underground movement come above ground. "A lot of the people, like Moby for instance, are starting to play 99X and be on MTV. These are people that we went and saw for five bucks six or seven years ago."

But rather than lament the mainstreaming of techno, Hart ultimately sees it as a boon. "I'm glad it has gone this way. It's the only way you can progress and become bigger and become safer."

For Jewels, who's been on the electronica scene since the '70s, "it's all just a cycle. I've seen all the phases with dance culture in the last 20 years do this sort of thing: it goes underground, then it comes back to the clubs, then it goes underground when parties start getting shut down." ◆

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GARDENHOUSE DANCE COMPANY *Mowing*, a new outdoor dance piece by choreographer Nicole Livieratos that uses urban landscapes and a non-motorized mower to re-create the familiar in unfamiliar ways. Saturdays Aug. 19-Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. in West End Park, 111 Oak St.; Sundays Aug. 20-Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. in Sunken Garden Park, 1000 East Rock Springs; Fridays Sept. 8-22 at 12:30 p.m. in Woodruff Park at Peachtree St. and Auburn Ave. 404-870-0117.

Music

ELVIS WADE & THE ASO The Elvis impersonator performs with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra as part of the Country/Classic Chastain Concert Series. Chastain Park Amphitheatre, 4469 Stella Drive. Aug. 16. 8:30 p.m. $19-$42. 404-733-5000.

Theater: openings

BARD-A-THON Soul-stice Repertory Ensemble presents its Shakespeare-reading marathon, featuring *Hamlet, Macbeth, Julius Caesar, Richard III* and more. Conant Performing Arts Building, Oglethorpe University, 4484 Peachtree Road. Aug. 20. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. $5. 770-591-3036.

HOLD YOUR PIECE Captive City presents a collection of short plays by Anton Chekhov, Regina Taylor and others. The comic assortment of plays deals with various subjects but ultimately ends in gender warfare. Benefits AID Atlanta. 14th Street Playhouse, 173 14th St. Aug. 17-Sept. 2. Wed.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m. $6-$12. 404-870-7734.

HOT 'N' THROBBING Synchronicity Performance Group presents Paula Vogel's disturbing and comic play with an ironic twist on family values. PushPush Theater, 1123 Zonolite Road. Aug. 18-Sept. 9. Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 7 p.m. $12-$15. 404-284-1151.

KWAIDAN The Center for Puppetry Arts presents Ping Chong's full-scale theatre work for adults based on three Japanese ghost stories. Mainstage Theater, 1404 Spring St. Aug. 17-27. Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 5 p.m. $14-$16. 404-873-3391.

THE TWO-CHARACTER PLAY Tennessee Williams' explosive drama that explores memory, reality and the mysteries of the heart. The Backstage Theatre at 7Stages, 1105 Euclid Ave. Aug. 17-Sept. 3. Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 4 p.m. $10. 404-627-6160.

Theater: continuing

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM Noble Productions of Roswell presents four free open air performances of Shakespeare's classic tale of love and mayhem. Roswell Town Square and Heart of Roswell Park. Through Aug. 26. Sat. 8:30 p.m. 770-641-7922.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM The New American Shakespeare Tavern presents Shakespeare's tale about mischievous fairies and a night full of magic, chaos and love. Runs in repertory with *Twelfth Night* and *As You Like It*. 499 Peachtree St. Aug. 4, 13, 18 and 26. Fri.-Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 6:30 p.m. $10-$15. 404-874-5299.

ARSENIC AND OLD LACE Cobb Players present the comedy about family madness and a glass of home-made elderberry wine laced with arsenic. The Little General/Cobb Community Playhouse, 2060 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. Through Aug. 26. Fri.-Sat. 8 p.m. $2-$14. 770-565-4784.

AS YOU LIKE IT The New American Shakespeare Tavern presents Shakespeare's tale about assassination plots, forest hideaways, mistaken identities and weddings. Runs in repertory with *Twelfth Night* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. 499 Peachtree St., N.E. Aug. 6, 12, 20 and 25. Fri.-Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 6:30 p.m. $10-$15. 404-874-5299.

BRIAR PATCH Sensurround Stagings presents the play about a dark, comic love triangle set on the edge of the Great Dismal Swamp. The Art Farm, 835 Wylie St. in Cabbagetown. Through Aug. 19. Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 5 p.m. $10-$12. 404-524-0302.

THE DYING GAUL Actor's Express presents Craig Lucas' tale of sexual politics, seduction and treachery set against a sexy, fast-paced backdrop of modern technology. King Plow Arts Center, 887 Marietta St. Through Sept. 2. Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 7 p.m. $20-25. 404-607-SHOW.

THE LIMOUSINE RIDE Peachtree Playhouse presents a comic tale about Hillary Clinton, Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush and Rosalynn Carter riding in the back of one car. 878 Peachtree St. Through Aug. 27. Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 7 p.m. $20. 404-875-1193.

LOST IN YONKERS The Aurora Theatre presents Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama about how two brothers' extended stay with their nutty aunt and uncle helps them discover profound lessons on love and life. 3087 Main St., Duluth. Through Aug. 26. Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. $17-$18. 770-476-7926.

Outside's in

EIGHTY EXHIBITORS (including Clementine Hunter, whose "Life On the Plantation" is pictured above) will gather for Folk Fest 2000, one of the most comprehensive concentrations of Outsider art in the country. The three-day event at the North Atlanta Trade Center, I-85 and Indian Trail Road, kicks off Friday, Aug. 18, at 5 p.m. with a meet-the-artist party with hundreds of folk artists such as Woody Long and Annie Wellborn. Throughout the weekend, visitors may view, discuss and purchase rare folk art from mostly Southern collectors. A 50-lot Masterpiece Auction on Friday at 8:30 p.m. will include pieces by Sam Doyle and Clementine Hunter. Saturday and Sunday's festivities include the Folk Fest's recent addition of the Educational Symposia. Among the speakers is Lynne Spriggs who will discuss her two-year research and curating project on Sam Doyle and the culture of St. Helena, S.C. Her *Local Heroes* exhibit is currently at the High Museum of Folk Art and Photography Galleries. Folk Fest admission is $15 for the full weekend or $6 per day.

MASS APPEAL Centerstage North Theatre presents Bill C. Davis' play about a priest of a prosperous Catholic congregation and the new idealistic seminarian he takes under his wing. The Art Place-Mountain View, 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. Aug. 11-13 and 17-19. Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. $10-$14. 770-529-3636.

THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940 John Bishop's comic romp about the more ridiculous aspects of show biz and the corny thrillers of Hollywood's heyday. Startime Dinner Theatre, 608 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell. Through Aug. 20. Fri.-Sun. 2 p.m. $29.50-$39.50. 770-924-3220.

SUMMER THEATER ON THE PLAZA C.A.S.T. presents the series of one-act plays, featuring "Nasty Things Murders," "Hello, Ma" and "Donna's Doll Donna." O'Neal Plaza, located between Church and Broad St. in Douglasville. Aug. 12, 19 and 26. 8 p.m. 770-949-2787.

TWELFTH NIGHT The New American Shakespeare Tavern presents Shakespeare's comic tale of mistaken identities and romance. Runs in repertory with *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *As You Like It*. 499 Peachtree St. Aug. 5, 11, 19 and 27. Fri.-Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 6:30 p.m. $10-$15. 404-874-5299.

TWELVE ANGRY MEN Class Act Theatre presents the classic drama. 6 Powder Springs St., Marietta. Through Sept. 2. Thurs.-Sat. 8 p.m. $10-$12. 770-579-3156.

Visual arts: openings

ATLANTA COLLEGE OF ART GALLERY *Recent Works By E.K. Huckaby '91*, an exhibition of the works by Huckaby and Alice Nisbet now on display. Gallery 100, 1280 Peachtree St. Aug. 18-31. Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. 770-719-7539.

FOLK FEST 2000 The event includes self-taught art, outsider art, 20th century folk art and more from more than 80 national galleries and dealers. Educational symposia and an auction also featured. North Atlanta Trade Center, I-85 and Indian Trail Road. Aug. 18-20. Fri. 5-10 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. & Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. $6-$15. 770-932-1000.

GALLERIE DORITA presents an exhibition of works by Richard Gladson and Robert Gardner that highlight texture, color, contrast and form. 3224 Peachtree Road. Aug. 18-Sept. 30. Tues.-Sat. 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 404-869-0041.

MODERN PRIMITIVE GALLERY *Tenth Anniversary Show: Icons of Folk Art*, an exhibition of works by Sam Doyle, Archie Byron and Thornton Dial now on display. Opening Reception Aug. 19 from 7-10:30 p.m. 1393 North Highland Ave. Through Aug. Tues.-Sun. noon-6 p.m. 404-892-0556.

THE SHEDSPACE EXHIBITIONS *Widget/Devil*, an exhibition of new works by Charlotte and Tom Wegrzynowski now on display. 2459 Boulevard Drive, East Lake. Aug. 19. 6-8 p.m. 404-288-8572.

Visual arts: continuing

1000 TOWER WALK *Tranquil Views*, landscapes by Helen Zarin and Jeff Surret. 3340 Peachtree Road. Through Aug. 31. Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-7 p.m. 404-816-9777.

AMERICAN INTERCONTINENTAL UNIVERSITY *Latin American Expressions 2000*, an exhibition of work from local Hispanic artists, including Juan Diaz, Waldo Vince, Agustin Bossio and more. 3330 Peachtree Road. Through Aug. 26. Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 404-965-5804.

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF PAPERMAKING *Visions & Voyages: A Renaissance Within*, a showcase of recent cast-paper sculpture by Kim Kettler. 500 10th St. Through August 18. Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 404-894-6663.

ARTISTS' ATELIER *Cool Collections*, an exhibition featuring contemporary and expressionistic works in watercolor, pastel, acrylic, mixed media, oil and more. 800 Miami Circle, Suite 200. Through Sept. 8. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. noon-4 p.m. 404-231-5999.

THE ART PLACE presents an exhibition of works by members of the Artists' Atelier of Atlanta. 3330 Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. Through Sept. 8. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 770-509-2700.

ARTS CLAYTON GALLERY *Best of Show*, an exhibition of winners from the annual Beaux-Arts Festival now on display. Featured artists include Jill King, Kay Ridge, William Evans and Linda Pollok. 106 N. McDonough St., Jonesboro. Through Aug. Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 770-473-0848.

ARTWALK AT LENOX *Manipulated Clay: Five Georgia Artists*, an exhibit of clay sculptures by five women artists from Georgia. Lenox Square Promenade. Through Aug. 27. 770-435-1745.

ATLANTA CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER *Between Space and Time: Contemporary Norwegian Sculpture and Installation*, an exhibition with a deep interest in the spiritual and archetypal forms drawn from folklore and culture. 535 Means St. Through Aug. 19. Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. $1-$3. 404-688-1970.

ATLANTA FINANCIAL CENTER *Beyond Speech: The Poetic Paintings of Robert Cogan*, an exhibition of poet Bob Cogan's paintings that were inspired from the lyrical rhythms and conceptual underpinnings of his poetry. 3333 Peachtree Road. Through Oct. 26. Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 404-816-9777.

ATLANTA HISTORY MUSEUM *When the Spirit Moves: The Africanization of American Movement*, an exhibit that examines the history of African American dance and how it became a central part of American culture. 130 W. Paces Ferry Road. Through Nov. 7. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sun. noon-5:30 p.m. $4-$10. 404-814-4000.

ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM *For God's Eyes: Plates and Vases*, an exhibition of work resulting from the collaboration of ceramic artist Tom Spleth and painter Moshe Gershuni. Through Nov. 17. *From Africa to America: Honoring Our Ancestors*, an exhibit of a variety of works with local, regional and global significance. Through Nov. 11. 285 Peachtree Center Ave. Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. $3. 404-688-2467.

ATLANTA PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP GALLERY *Alternative Process Show*, an exhibition of works by artists who used alternative processes for photography to create aesthetic objects. Featured artists include Les Barta, Jamie Cook, Emily Ross and more. 660 9th St. Through Sept. 9. Wed.-Sat. noon-4 p.m. 404-877-1144.

BANK OF AMERICA PLAZA *Decade*, an exhibit of sculpture, photographs and prints from the past 10 years by Gregor Turk. 600 Peachtree St. Through Oct. 26. Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 404-816-9777.

BARBARA ARCHER GALLERY *Sam Doyle and Friends: 20th Century Folk Art Masters*, a selection of paintings by legendary folk artist Sam Doyle as well as works by his contemporaries including Nellie Mae Rowe and Mose Tolliver. Through Sept. 30. 404-815-1545.

BENDER FINE ART *Urban Aesthetic*, a two-person show by David FeBland and Stephen Magsig who view the urban scene from very different perspectives. 309 E. Paces Ferry Road. Through Aug. 19. Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. noon-5 p.m. 404-842-1913.

THE BLUEMILK PARADIGM ARTSPACE *Bugism 2000*, an exhibition of William Woolfolk's work that focuses on insects in complex, yet primitive patterns. 1123 Spring St. Through Sept. 1. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 404-815-6991.

CALLANWOLDE FINE ARTS CENTER *Zoo: A Morphology*, an exhibit of paintings by Angela Willcocks now on display. 980 Briarcliff Road. Through Sept. 1. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 404-872-5338.

CENTER FOR PUPPETRY ARTS *An Asian Mosaic*, an exhibition of characters and stages that embody the ancient art form of puppetry, including Indian string and Indonesian rod puppets, Burmese marionettes, Vietnamese water puppets and more. Through Jan. 6. *Reflections: The Global Representation of Puppetry in Posters*, a collection of 85 rare posters from around the world. *Rene: From Then Till Now*, showcases the variety of Rene's work as a puppeteer. Through Aug. 19. 1404 Spring St. Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. $3-$5. 404-873-3391.

CERULEAN FINE ART GALLERY *How Does Your Garden Grow?*, a new exhibit by the Roswell Fine Arts Alliance now on display. 41 Oak St., Roswell. Through Sept. 1. Daily noon-6 p.m. 770-645-2434.

CITY GALLERY EAST *Sight*, an exhibition of works by students in the ARTSCool 2000 program. Featured works range from paintings to live performances. 675 Ponce de Leon Ave. Through Aug. 27. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 404-817-6815.

CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY ART GALLERIES *To Conserve a Legacy: American Art from Historically Black Colleges and Universities*, a consortium of more than 200 works of American art from the 19th and 20th centuries presented jointly with the High Museum of Art. Through Sept. 24. Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. $2-$6. 404-880-6644 ext. 6102.

ECLECTIC ELECTRIC GALLERY A collection of light sculptures with a sense of humor by David Hoover on display. 1393 N. Highland Ave. Through Sept. 4. Mon.-Fri. 12:30-10 p.m., Sat. 12:30-11 p.m. 404-875-2840.

EYEDRUM *Layers into Light*, an exhibition of paintings, constructions and bookarts. 253 Trinity Ave. Through Sept. 2. Wed. and Sat. noon-5 p.m., Fri. 9 p.m.-midnight. 404-522-0655.

FAYE GOLD GALLERY *The Dream Life of Babies*, an exhibition of works by Ralph Gilbert now on display. An exhibition of gallery artists also on display. 764 Miami Circle. Through Sept. 10. Tues.-Sat. 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 404-233-3843.

FERNBANK MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY *A Walk Through Georgia*, large format landscape photography by Craig M. Tanner. Through Aug. 31. *Life & Death Under the Pharaohs* explores the span of Egypt's rich history from the Predynastic Period through the Byzantine Period. Featuring more than 300 objects including statues, mummies and more. Through Sept. 2. 767 Clifton Road. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. $9.95-$11.95. 404-929-6300.

FINE FAMILY ART GALLERY *Starry Nights*, photographs by Neil Folberg. Marcus Jewish Community Center of Atlanta, 5342 Tilly Mill Road. Through Sept. 11. Sun. 1-6 p.m., Tues. and Thurs. 1-9 p.m. 770-395-2614.

GALLERY OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION Presents an exhibit of works by Carolyn Cordell, Larry Darrow and Kevin Dyer. 1911 Cliff Valley Way. Through Aug. 30. Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 9 a.m.-noon. 404-634-5134.

GALLERY SKLO *Soft Edges/Hard Lines*, new drawings and sculpture by Mark Henderson with a preview of works by Christian Culver. TULA Art Center, Suite E-2, 75 Bennett St. Through Sept. 1. Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. noon-5 p.m. 404-350-9763.

GALLERY V LTD. *A New Century*, paintings by Helen Kahn on display. *Retreat to Nature*, watercolor by Ellen Lowderman also on display. 10 Elizabeth Way, Roswell. Through August. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 770-992-4144.

GENEMA GALLERY *Exile*, an exhibit of 50 pieces representing individual responses to the theme of exile. ChristChurch Presbyterian, 81 Peachtree Park Drive. Through Aug. 27. Sun. noon-1 p.m. 404-605-0505.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN GALLERIES *Looking Forward; Looking Black*, an exhibition of works by Emma Amos, Renee Cox, Lesley Dill, Bill Traylor and others. Presented in conjunction with the National Black Arts Festival. 10 Peachtree Center Ave. Through Oct. 6. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 404-752-8825.

GERTSEV GALLERY Presents works by William Bohlin, Beverly Crawford and Dianna Fitzgerald now on display. 1833 Peachtree Road. Through Sept. 7. Tues.-Sat. noon-9 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. 404-603-8586.

HEAVEN BLUE ROSE GALLERY *Celebrating the Curve*, drawings of Elena Green with new work by other gallery artists. 934 Canton St., Roswell. Through Sept. 2. Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. 770-642-7380.

HIGH MUSEUM OF ART *Narratives of African American Art and Identity: The David C. Driskell Collection*, a show comprised of 100 paintings, prints, photographs and

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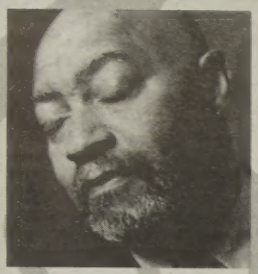

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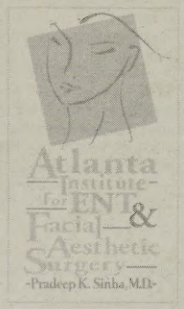

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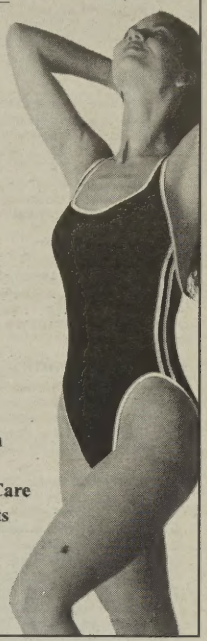

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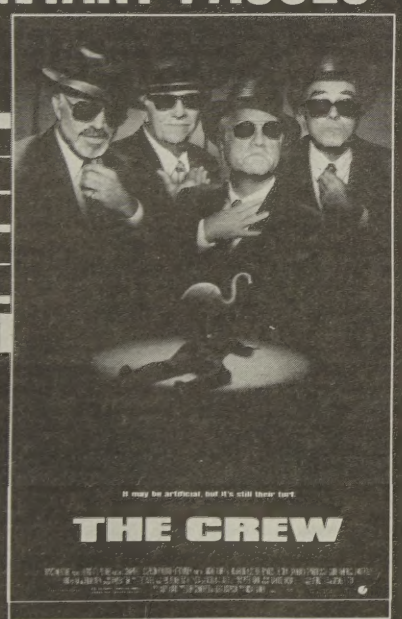

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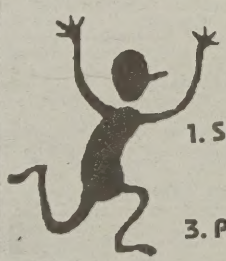

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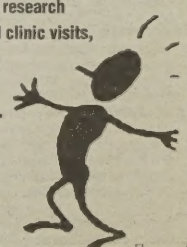

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Artists don Altered Egos *at Young Blood*

BY CATHY BYRD

visual arts

Freud gave a name to our malleable self-image: the ego, a term that spawned words like self-esteem and self-affirmation at the same time it put the finger on egocentrism, egomania and egotism.

Young Atlantans Debi Boyette, Sherri Caudell, Tricia Patterson, Christian Gordy and Critter Jiminez, self-described as "five degenerates," present *Altered Egos* at Young Blood Gallery this month. Calling themselves pseudo artists, they take on pseudo personas and pseudonyms to air their quirky colorful self-expressions.

"You'll never have too many mice," Gordy's gooey abstract collage painting, was created by his claustrophobic self. Gordy's real chef d'oeuvre is the bulletin board that his "Booga G" self crammed with the flotsam and jetsam of his wandering aesthetic journey from 1978 to present. It's a textured wall of scribbled notes, letters, photo copies, stickers and Polaroids he took of his action figure toys at the age of 6, photos of tattoos and men's shoes, awkward paste-ups and drawings, drawings, drawings. His small portraits, cartoon character, aliens, doodles and graffiti document a style in constant flux. The nostalgic pack rat even saved a coloring book nativity scene signed "Crischun." A small shelf beside his papered wall situates some of Gordy's domestic source material. But how could Ramen noodles compete with a rubber lobster, a red doll's head crowned in white roosters, a plastic gorilla, voodoo candles and a plastic nose in a small hinged jewelry box?

Boyette takes over the dark side of *Altered Egos*, but not without a wincing smile. Having been psychologically damaged by her wicked stepsister, Boyette becomes "Missy Society" to create "My sister is." In a sequence of blue, red, yellow and green frames, she transforms a childhood image of her stepsister from a sinister angel into a live-chicken-eating demon. Missy Society also shows a very funny series of photo booth pix with naughty puppets and stuffed animals that smoke and drink beer.

"Miss Understood" takes over for two distracted paintings about Boyette's therapy sessions inhabited with shadowy insects, multiple heads and repeating phrases "Imagination and Reality" and "He's No Fool." She's "Miss Lead" for the untitled collage painting about her painful relationship with her stepmother. Red paint surrounds a yellowed, torn page from a dictionary where "selfless," "self-control" and "self-denial" have been crossed out, while selfish and self-centered are underlined. Splayed out like fingers are fragments of an emotion-filled handwritten letter to her stepmother and returned to Boyette with grammar and spelling corrections.

Sherri Caudell, known here as "Jane De Beauvoir," is responsible for the messy teen-toned collages with the bubblegum titles "ABC," "123" and "Twiggy." The altered ego of her housewife mother is described in "Marriage Is Fun." Collaged beneath a small rusty broiler grate are a wedding cake turned on its ear, cheerful bouquets of flowers and a smiling photoportrait of her young mom. "She's trapped under the stove," explains Caudell.

A shoe fetish preoccupies Tricia Patterson, who takes the alias "Patty Cakes" for her group of assemblages. Patty fished in thrift stores and trash bins for children's and doll shoes, then enshrined them grunge-style in boxes or suspended from strings on rectangles of pasty pastel canvases and wood. Her "Susan Carter" self chose to paint abstractions centered on repeating red gourds and red-eyed eggs in settings textured and shaped with ripped bits of masking tape.

Young Blood Gallery

Artwork bt Debi Boyette

Critter keeps her name, probably because of her ego's plans to be *the* next hot designer. She indulges herself in three frocks that wobble between new wave and frump. They could definitely walk down the street in L5P without a wink. Topped with a ruffled apricot stand up collar, "Stars and Stripes" is made of a pink flowered fabric trimmed in black lace hem tape and gathered in little poufs around the torso. Critter tops the also flowery "Big Poofy Skirt" with a gray felt vest.

Exploring their other than everyday selves, these artists play at self-analysis in what turns out to be a funny, fun and artful affirmation of altered egos. ◆

Altered Egos *is on display through Sept. 3 at Youngblood Gallery, 629 Glenwood Ave. 404-627-0393.*

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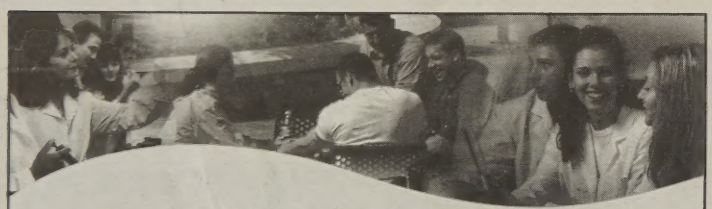

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sculpture representing the work of more than 60 African American artists. Through Sept. 24. *Portraits of a Lady*, an installation of portraits by Robert Henri. Through Dec. 10. *Visions of the Frontier: American Landscapes from the Collection of Ted Turner*, an exhibition of 16 paintings depicting the unspoiled beauty of the American frontier from Turner's collection. Through Aug. 20. 1280 Peachtree St. Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. $2-$6. 404-733-HIGH.

HIGH MUSEUM OF FOLK ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY GALLERIES *Local Heroes: Paintings and Sculpture by Sam Doyle*, a collection of portraits painted in house paint on old roofing tin, works on paper and sculpture. 1280 Peachtree St. Through Oct. 14. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 404-733-HIGH.

JACKSON FINE ART *Holding Venus*, an exhibit of Keith Carter's works now on display. *It Was So Hot We Had To Take Our Clothes Off*, a group summer show. New works by Ian McFarlane also on display. 3115 E. Shadowland Ave. Through Sept. 16. Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 404-233-3739.

KIANG GALLERY *In Good Form*, an exhibition of abstract works by Timothy App, Grady Black, Robin Rose, Jim Waters and others. 1923 Peachtree Road. Through Sept. 9. Tues.-Fri. 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sat. noon-5 p.m. 404-351-5477.

KNOKE GALLERIES *Self-Taught American Artists of the South*, an exhibition now on display. 5325 Roswell Road, N.E. Through Aug. 16. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 404-252-0485.

KUBATANA GALLERY *Transgression & Transformation*, an exhibition of works by Arturo Lindsay and Michael Harris that explore the surviving spirit and mobilization of Africans and their descendents. Presented with the National Black Arts Festival. 1841 Peachtree Road. Through Sept. 2. Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. noon-5 p.m. 404-355-5764.

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MACON & COMPANY FINE ART Recent paintings by Linda Mitchell that view life from the midpoint, obsessing with beginnings and endings, as well as the pull of extremes. 1198 Howell Mill Road. Through Aug. 19. Tues.- Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 404-603-9122.

MARIETTA/COBB MUSEUM OF ART *Selections from the Permanent Collection*, an exhibition that features works from the vault, showcasing a wide range of work from the late 19th and 20th century. 30 Atlanta St., Marietta. Through Aug. 20. Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m. $3-$5. 770-528-1444.

MATRE GALLERY *Postures: Concerning the Nude Figure*, an exhibition featuring works by Barry Gross, Drake Haley, Kate Sanel and more. 75 Bennett St., Tula Art Center, Space G2. Through Sept. 2. Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 404-350-8399.

MICHAEL C. CARLOS MUSEUM *Souvenirs of the Nile: Nineteenth-Century Photographs of Egypt*, an exhibition that will be mounted in the Works on Paper Gallery. 571 Kilgo St. on the campus of Emory University. Through Sept. 24. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m. 404-727-4282.

MOVING SPIRITS GALLERY *Goddesses: Forces Within*, an exhibition of Tunde Afolayan's recent paintings that celebrate women and their spirituality. 1025 Edgewood Ave. Through Aug. 20. Wed.-Sat. 1-9 p.m. 404-525-2171.

MUMBO JUMBO *Patterns for Commercial Application*, an exhibition of Lou Kregel's new paintings that focus on geometric relationships, color interactions and the rhythm implicit in visual patterns. 89 Park Place. Through August. Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Mon.-Sun. 5:30-11 p.m. 404-523-0330.

ONE BUCKHEAD PLAZA *Chery Baird: The Sequence Series Paintings*, an exhibit of Baird's paintings that involve signs, symbols and patterns structured onto an underlying grid. Upper Lobby, 3060 Peachtree Road. Through Nov. 1. Mon.-Fri. 7 a.m.-6 p.m. 404-816-9777.

RAYMOND LAWRENCE GALLERY *Renovating Painting*, an exhibit of unusual works by local artists Jesse Hamrick, Jory Gaunce and Troy Eittreim. Zebu Center in the TULA Art Center, 75 Bennett St., Suite M-1. Through Aug. 19. Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. noon-5 p.m. 404-352-5058.

RIGHT BRAIN ART GALLERY *Art & Antiques*, an exhibit of original paintings, antique furniture, decorative arts and textiles from all over the world. 664 N. Highland Ave. Through Sept. 2. Tues.-Sat. noon-5 p.m. 404-872-2696.

SANDLER HUDSON GALLERY *Brand New Beginning: A Documentary Project*, an exhibit of mixed media works by Rana Rochat that explore the transition of a plant from its natural state to its conceptualization. 1831-A Peachtree Road. Through Sept. 9. Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. noon-5 p.m. 404-350-8480.

SPELMAN COLLEGE MUSEUM OF FINE ART *When the Spirit Moves: The Africanization of American Movement*, an exhibit that examines the history of African-American dance and how it became a central part of American culture. 350 Spelman Lane. Through Nov. 18. Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. noon-5 p.m. 404-881-3643 ext. 2224.

SPRUILL CENTER GALLERY *Take a Second Look*, an exhibit of works made from recycled materials by artists Michael Asente, Sally Mankus, Robert Walden and more. 4681 Ashford Dunwoody Road. Through Aug. 19. Wed.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 770-394-4019.

SUNTRUST PLAZA *Observations*, paintings by Benny Andrews encompassing themes of religion, American history, politics and jazz music. 303 Peachtree St. Through Aug. 30. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. 404-816-9777.

THOMAS DEANS & COMPANY *The Quiet Muse: The Still Lifes of John Sinclair*, oil paintings and etchings by the British artist. Tula Art Center, 75 Bennett St. Through Aug. 31. Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 404-352-3778.

VAKNIN SCHWARTZ *Coming Attractions*, an exhibition that compares the different approaches of young, under-viewed artists to several central issues in contemporary art. Featured artists include Woody Cornwell, David Isenhour and Sharron Scott. 1831 Peachtree Road. Through Sept. 9. Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 404-351-0035.

WILLIAM BREMAN JEWISH HERITAGE MUSEUM *My Father's Pawnshop*, a temporary exhibition of paintings by Maxine Yalovitz-Blankenship about her experiences growing up Jewish in a small town in Rome, GA. 1440 Spring St. Through Aug. 18. Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. $3-$5. 404-873-1661.

YOUNGBLOOD GALLERY *Altered Ego*, a new exhibition now on display. 629 Glenwood Ave. Through Sept. 3. Tues.-Sun. noon-5 p.m. 404-627-6393.

YOUTH ART CONNECTION GALLERY *Costume*, Prop and Baggage: Behind the Performance, an exhibition of Cheryl Myrbo's work, consisting of large-scale, mixed-media paintings and screens that portray circus/festival life. 63 Auburn Ave. Through Sept. 12. Tues.-Fri. noon-6 p.m. 404-261-3554.

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Cell growth

Europe and U.S. breeding a cell phone culture

BY EVELINA SHMUKLER

In the Czech Republic, as in most of Europe, there are almost as many cell phones as adults in the country. The American and British ex-pats here, many of whom live far from the center of Prague and have odd working hours, rely on their cell phones, rather than home phones, to keep in touch with one another. But the Czech people I've met also use their phones as much as any other Europeans I've met.

One of the reasons cell phones are now so popular is the price has gone down dramatically since the market opened up to competition. There are now at least three cellular carriers selling to Czech consumers: EuroTel, a joint venture of the old Czech monopoly telecom company, Cesky Telecom, Bell Atlantic and AT&T; Paegas, whose owners include Deutsche Telekom; and newcomer Oscar, which is owned by Cesky Mobil. Together these companies have created 2.9 million mobile-phone users in a country with a total population of only 10 million. About 977,000 of those cell-phone users were added during the first seven months of this year.

Three years ago, a cellular phone could cost upward of $600, my Czech friends tell me. Now, just as in the U.S., you can get a phone for next to nothing, depending on the service plan you choose.

But the coolest thing about these phones is that most people don't even have a service plan. Instead, many people pay for their service in advance. You can buy refills for the service at almost any convenience store. The cards, called "Go Cards" in the EuroTel system, come in increments of 500 and 1,000 korunas, or about $13 and $26. Call a number and the account is immediately updated with your new balance. Then after every phone call or text message, you just turn your phone off and turn it back on to check how many korunas you have left in your balance. This is a great system for people, like my friends, who are living on a budget because it means that you are always aware of how much you're spending on your calls.

It's also one of the factors that make text messaging, or SMS, so wildly popular. Czechs send each other short (or sometimes not-so-short) text messages on a massive scale. These text messages only cost 3 korunas or less to send and nothing to receive, so if you know you only have 12 korunas left on your account, you can quickly calculate how many more messages you can send before your balance hits zero.

Most U.S. cell-phone companies offer pre-paid service, too, but I don't know anyone personally who uses it. Now that I've seen how well it works, though, I may have to reconsider. It is nice to know exactly how much you're spending on your cell phone each month before you spend it, rather than getting walloped with a huge bill at the end of the month.

Another key difference between phones here in Europe and in the States is that all European cell-phone companies use the same underlying technology called GSM, or Global System for Mobile Communications. In practice, this means that a Czech cell phone will work in just about any other country in Europe.

In the States, we have three competing technologies used by the major cell-phone carriers because no governing body has chosen to set a standard. GSM is used by only a handful of wireless carriers, including Powertel in the Southeast. AT&T Wireless uses TDMA, or Time Division Multiple Access, while Sprint PCS employs CDMA, Code Division Multiple Access technology. Far be it from me to argue the merits of one technology over another, but I do have to admit that it seems unfortunate that U.S. cell phones are so landlocked to the United States. Nothing would have made me happier than to be able to use my Atlanta cell phone in Europe, but even if I used a Powertel GSM phone, it's unlikely that I could have used it here in Europe.

American and European GSM cell-phones use different frequencies, so to use the phone in both places, I would have had to buy a dual-frequency phone. There are only a few of these phones available on the market; the best known is Motorola's newest TimePort phone, the L7089 model, which retails for about $500.

Still, the American competitive system seems to have its benefits. Earlier this month, the Federal Communications Commission released its fifth annual report on the state of the wireless industry stating that Americans talk more on their cell phones than Europeans, though mobile phones are more commonplace in Europe than the States. The report estimates that Americans talk an average of 221 minutes each month on their phones; Swedes, who have the second highest cell-phone penetration rate in the world, talk only 204 minutes each month; and the Finnish, who have the highest penetration rate, spend an average of only 132 minutes on their cell-phones each month.

Cell phones are also less expensive in the U.S. The average price of monthly digital mobile services costs less in the U.S. than in almost every European country (only Finland is cheaper). The FCC says this is partly because it hasn't imposed a standard in the U.S., therefore fostering competition, but it could just as well be because regular phone service is also less expensive in the U.S. In other words, it may have as much to do with consumer expectation and what the market will bear, as with the competing technologies. ◆

E-mail Evelina at evelina@mindspring.com. For a summary of the FCC's State of Wireless Industry Competition, go to www.fcc.gov/wtb.

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BY KIRSTEN ADAMS

weird wide web

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Some folks just can't lay off the Barbie parodies. This guy seems to like to see Barbie with a disease. "Finally! A play toy for a segment of our population under-represented in the toy market. Yes, there is a Wheelchair Barbie, but what about those who continue to suffer because they don't have a toy just like them? For the leper in your life, a gift that will keep on giving ... Leprosy Barbie. Just push her button and there go the limbs." Why do people put this weirdness up on the Web? I cannot explain it. You can also preview Tourette's Syndrome Barbie complete with shock wave sounds. I don't condone them; I just report them. **home.netcom.com/~addurban/barbie.html**.

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Someone with a fascination for cheese and too much time on their hands should probably be punished severely. In the mean time, find out what your cheese rating is at **www.astradyne.co.uk/cheese/**, your online Cheese Comparator. My rating? "Schloss — a semi-firm Austrian cheese, Scloss is similar to Limburger, but with a stronger flavor. It is golden white, with a creamy texture."

"My mother spent several years in the U.S. in the early '70s. During this time, she regularly hung out with blues musicians and enjoyed intimate relations with several. She had an encounter with Jay Hawkins back in January 1972 and returned to England pregnant with me shortly after. Although my mother is white, I bear a striking resemblance to a young Jay Hawkins, with the same long thin face and wild eyes. Mother always called me Lil' Jay." Musician Screaming Jay Hawkins at one time claimed to have fathered close to 60 children. So naturally there's a website dedicated to finding this man's lost children. **www.jayskids.com** is actually a wild place when you consider that people from all over the world want to claim to be this man's child. Read other claims and all sorts of information about Screamin' Jay and his prolific parentage. There will also be a picnic for all his children some time this summer. ◆

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Arts and crafts

ATLANTA ARTIST CLUB is offering a Wednesday evening sketch group that meets weekly from 7-9 p.m. at 2979 Grandview Ave. Ongoing. 404-237-2324

FUTUREFEST 2000 Respect Art: A graff exhibition and contest. Eight finalists will be picked to receive 12 feet of wall space to display work. Submit a photo of your large-scale painted work to Jewels Adventures, c/o G. Stagg, PO Box 2635, Lilburn, 30048. Aug. 19.

INTRODUCTION QUILT MAKING CLASSES Classes held at StudioPlex DeNavon Studio Gallery 8, 659 Auburn Ave. RSVP. Aug. 8-29. 404-589-0683.

Attractions

DOLPHINS Fernbank Museum's newest IMAX film transports audiences from the seas of Patagonia to the reefs of the Caribbean as the camera swims alongside wild dolphins. Regular showtimes: Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m., 1 and 5 p.m.; Sun. 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Through Sept. 1. $4.95-$6.95. 404-929-6400

SKIES DOWN UNDER A new planetarium program exploring the lore and beauty of the skies in Australia and New Zealand. Fernbank Science Center, 156 Heaton Park Drive. May 30-Aug. 20. Tues.-Sun. 3:30 p.m., Wed.-Fri. 8 p.m. $1-$2. 404-378-4314 ext. 812.

AGATHA'S-A TASTE OF MYSTERY *Death and Faxes*, the latest comedy-mystery takes a satirical slap at the world of business. Die laughing between five courses of dinner at this dinner theater. 693 Peachtree St. July 27-Nov. 1. Tues.-Sat. 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 7 p.m. $40-$50. 404-875-1610.

AMERICAN ADVENTURES An amusement park especially for kids ages 15 and under featuring outdoor amusements like tilt-a-whirl, super slide, mini roller coaster, go carts and the indoor Foam Factory, a multi-level fun house. I-75 to exit 265. Ongoing. Fri. 4-8 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 11-7 p.m. $4-$15. 770-424-9283.

APEX MUSEUM A museum of the African-American Panoramic Experience features American-African history beginning with the arrival of the first enslaved Africans and other exhibits. 153 Auburn Avenue NE Open year round. $3-6. (404) 521-APEX

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BIRTH HOME OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Tours are conducted daily by park rangers. Points of interest include the APEX Museum, MLK's birth home, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Fire Station No. 6 and the King Center. 450 Auburn Ave. Ongoing. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. 404-331-6922

BRAVES MUSEUM AND TURNER FIELD TOURS are available year round. 755 Hank Aaron Drive. Ongoing. Tours every hour, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mon.-Sat. $4-$7. 404-614-2311.

BULLOCH HALL 1840 home of Theodore Roosevelt's mother, Mittie Bulloch. Serves as cultural center with photographs, documents from Bulloch & Roosevelt families, Civil War room, history room & gardens. 180 Bulloch Avenue, Roswell. Open year round. Guided tours M-Sa 10-3, Sun 1-3. $3-$5. 770-992-1731 x1951

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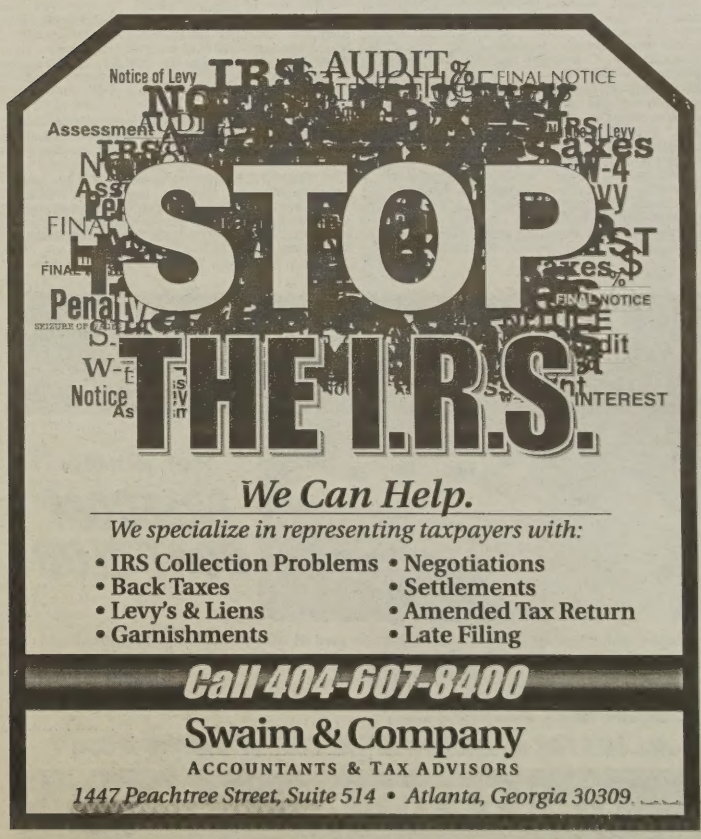

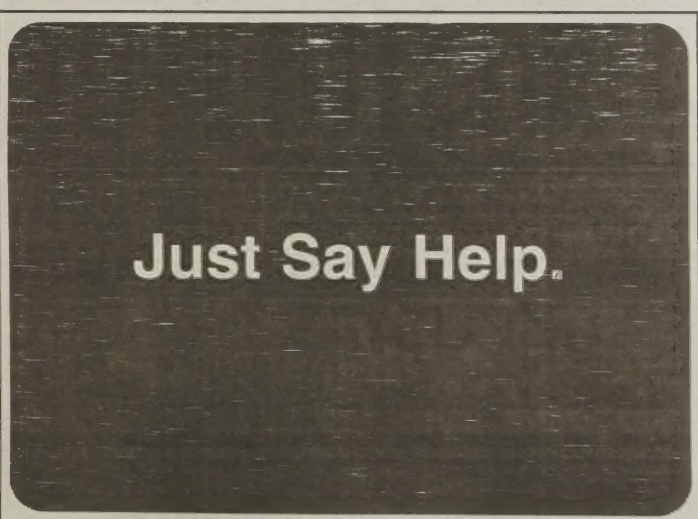

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COCA-COLA SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL *Scream 3* will be screened on Aug. 17 and *Raiders of the Lost Ark* on Aug. 21 at The Fox Theatre as part of the festival. Ongoing. 8 p.m. $6.50-$58.50. 404-881-2100.

FERNBANK The largest natural history museum south of the Smithsonian is home to a number of permanent and traveling exhibits, and Georgia's only IMAX theater. 767 Clifton Road NE. Open year round. 404-378-0127

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HAMMONDS HOUSE The African American Fine Art Museum is dedicated to preserve Dr. Otis Thrash Hammonds' legacy of cultural appreciation, preservation, and community service. 503 Peeples Street. Open year round. $1-$2. 404-752-8730

HERITAGE PASSPORT The Marietta Welcome Center offers visitors access to six of Marietta's historic attractions on one special pass. Attractions include the Marietta Museum of History, the Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, Brumby Hall and Gardens and more. Ongoing. $12. 770-429-1115.

HERNDON HOME The 1910 residence of Alonzo Franklin Herndon, a slave-born Georgian who founded Atlanta Life Insurance Company, is open for hourly tours. 587 University Place. Ongoing. Tues-Sat 10am-4pm. 404-581-9813

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HISTORIC BRUMBY HALL Every Thursday individual tours are given of Brumby Hall & Gardens, a historic home on the grounds of the Marietta Conference Center & Resort. Open year round. 10am-4pm. $4. 770-427-2500

HISTORIC OAKLAND CEMETERY offers tours March-October, Saturdays at 10am-2pm and Sundays, 2pm. 248 Oakland Ave. Ongoing. $1-$3. 404-688-2107

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MARGARET MITCHELL HOUSE Offers daily tours of the turn-of-the-century Tudor Revival House which includes a video entitled, "It May Not Be Tara." 990 Peachtree Street. Open year round. 9am-4pm. $6-$7. 404-249-7012

MARIETTA MUSEUM OF HISTORY Housed in the second floor on Marietta square, the Kennessaw House Museum features an eclectic mix of memorabilia. Open year round. Tues.-Sat. 11-4pm.. $2 donation. 770-528-0431

MARTINIS & IMAX Fernbank Museum presents a return appearance of *Everest*. 767 Clifton Road. Through Sept. 4. 4 and 10 p.m. $4.95-$6.95. 404-929-6400

NEIGHBORS NIGHT Atlanta Grill and the Ritz-Carlton invite everyone in the "downtown neighborhood" to enjoy live jazz, festive atmosphere, food and drink specials every Tues. through Aug. 181 Peachtree St. June 13-August. 5-8 p.m. 404-659-0400.

OAKLAND CEMETARY WALKING TOURS A 1 1/2 hour tour with Historic Oakland Foundation's volunteer tour guides will give you a taste of Atlanta's history, art and architecture. March-October. $2-$3. 404-688-2107

PIEDMONT PARK The Piedmont Park Conservancy offers a free tour of the park every Saturday beginning at the Visitor's Center at 12th Street. Relive 175 years of rich history. Ongoing. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.. 404-875-7275

RHODES HALL Modeled after Rhineland castles, this Richardsonian Romanesque style mansion was built at the turn-of-the-century for furniture magnate Amos Rhodes and features exquisite stained-glass windows and a carved mahogany winding staircase. 1516 Peachtree St. Ongoing. Weekdays 11am-4pm, Sun. noon-3pm. 404-885-7800

SCITREK The High-Tech Playground features more than 150 hands-on experiences. Visitors can explore technology and science through video games, freezing shadows, creating a "lightening storm in a jar" and more. 395 Piedmont Ave. Open year round. Mon.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 12-5pm. $5-$7.50. 404-522-5500

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THE KING CENTER Established by Corretta Scott King to preserve the legacy and continue the work of her late husband, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose crypt is located in the reflecting pool of the center. Open year round. 9am-5pm. 404-331-6922

WILLIAM BREMAN JEWISH HERITAGE MUSEUM Core galleries feature "Absence of Humanity: The Holocaust Years" & "Creating Community: The Jews of Atlanta from 1845 to the Present." 1440 Spring St. Open year round. 404-873-1661

WORLD OF COCA-COLA traces the century-old history of Coca-Cola using state of the art technology. Also, a futuristic soda fountain and a TradeMart. 55 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Open year round. $3-$6. Mon.-Sat. 9-5, Sun. 12-6pm. Summer: Mon.-Sat. 9-6, Sun. 11-6. 404-676-5151

WREN'S NEST Learn about the life and times of storyteller Joel Chandler Harris at Atlanta's oldest house museum and National Historic Landmark. Special storytelling programs held Sat. during the school year. 1050 Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd. Ongoing. Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. $4. 404-753-7735.

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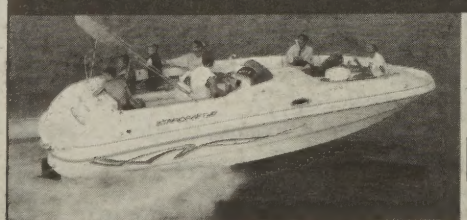

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ALADDIN Little General Playhouse seeks children ages 8-16 for roles in the play. Rehearsals will be on Mon. and Wed. 5-7 p.m. for Sat. performances from Nov. 18-Dec. 9. Call for details and appointments. Aug. 28-Sept. 1. 770-565-3995.

BEFORE NOW Feature film will shoot Oct. in Atlanta and Los Angeles. Directed by Chrys Yvette and Tyga Graham. Submit all headshots and resume to Serenity Filmworks, Attn: Casting, 7904 Van Nuys Blvd. 502 Van Nuys, CA 91402. Aug 16 to Sep 1. 800-791-5027.

BETHLEHEM ROAD Auditions for eight men ages 21-70 and three women ages 20-45 needed for the Christmas Dinner Theatre show. By appointment. Through Sept. 15. 770-428-6137.

BOOT CAMP FOX Network is auditioning for a new show. Contestants must be age 18 or older, in great shape both physically and mentally, enjoy sports and have a fun personality. Spend four weeks in a military environment and compete for the big cash prizes. One male and female will win. Participants can't have prior military experience. Fitness International, Lawrenceville. Aug. 18-19. 1-888-751-8088.

DANCE MASTERS A feature film sequel. Send head/body shots to: Casting, 244 Fifth Ave., #D221, New York, NY 10001. Through Sept. 1.

DESIGN FOR MURDER Polk Street Players seeks six women and four men ages 25-50. Cold reading from script. Bring resume and headshot if available. St. James' Episcopal Church, 121 Church St., Marietta. Aug. 15-16. 7:30-9:30 p.m. 770-992-9509.

FAITH COUNTRY CenterStage North Theatre will hold auditions for Oct. performances of the southern comedy. Seven women and three men, ages 20-50, needed. Cold readings from the script. The Art Place, 3330 Sandy Springs Road, Marietta. Aug. 21-22. 7-9 p.m. 770-529-3636.

HEALING SOUNDS Northside Hospital seeks volunteer musicians to perform live, soothing music in the lobby, cafeteria, waiting rooms and more for patients and visitors. Send demo tapes to Marianne Askew, Northside Hospital, 1000 Johnson Ferry Rd., Atlanta, 30342-1611. Ongoing. 404-303-3731.

HITLER AND BONHOEFFER Auditions for six men ages 30-60 and three women ages 30-60 needed for the Winter Dinner Theatre show. By appointment. Through Sept. 15. 770-428-6137.

THE FRAT The feature film shoots in Feb. 2001. Send headshots to: Casting, 244 Fifth Ave., #D221, New York, NY 10001. Through Sept. 1.

THE HOMECOMING The Startime Dinner Theatre seeks men and women ages 19-65 for performances in Dec. Bring a prepared song and be ready to do cold readings. Not all roles require singing. Roswell Town Center, 608 Holcomb Bridge Road. Aug. 29-30. 7-9 p.m. 770-924-3220.

THE ONE WHO WOULDN'T BELIEVE The Sunworks Company seeks four participants for lead roles in an upcoming play. Applicants must have some experience in acting, be able to sing and willing to travel. Call for an appointment. Through Aug. 404-284-3579.

2000 ATLANTA BRAVES CHARACTER STAFF The Atlanta Braves seek enthusiastic, talented and dedicated performing artists, actors and actresses. Interviews and auditions will be held at Turner Field. Call for more details. Aug. 22. 5-7:30 p.m. 404-614-1559.

ARE YOU A MUSICIAN? Starbucks is putting together a Fri. night music program in our local locations. If you perform acoustically, individual or duo, and would like to be considered, please mail your bio and cassette to us: Attn: Marketing, 1790 Century Circle, Atlanta 30345. Ongoing.

ATLANTA INDEPENDENT FILMS Seeks female lead as well as extras for a PG-13 wedding comedy film. Union and non-union individuals may apply. Send photo and mailing info to us at Attn: Kristen Matthews, 4015 Holcomb Bridge Road, Suite 350-905, Norcross, GA 30092. Aug 2 to Aug 21.

ATLANTA SACRED CHORALE A chamber chorus seeks singers for all sections for upcoming concert. Please call for appointment. Lutheran Church of the Apostles, 6025 Glenridge Drive. Aug.15-22. 7:30-10 p.m. 770-993-8227.

ATLANTA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHORUS The 200-voice chorus will hold auditions for the upcoming season, which will include works by Beethoven, Handel, Verdi and more. Call for details and appointment. Begins Aug. 27. 404-733-4876.

CALLANWOLDE WOODWIND QUINTET Seeks an oboist to replace incumbent. Group has been playing music of medium grade difficulty for several years. Rehearses weekly and performs several times each year. Ongoing. 404-636-0372.

COLLEGIUM VOCALE A classical choral ensemble will hold auditions for all voice parts. Rehearses on the campus of Emory University. Call Andy for an appointment by Aug. 22. Aug. 27-28. 404-320-1606.

DANCERS/GYMNASTS NEEDED LEAP Agency is auditioning for an upcoming performance at the end of August. We seek flexible and enthusiastic dancers, gymnasts and acrobats. Call for details. August. 770-754-9662.

DEKALB SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Holding auditions for second trombone and section violin, viola and cello in late Aug. Call orchestra manager Richard Rogers for details. Ongoing. 404-299-4341.

DIGITAL LIVE Kawaynis Blue of "Digital Live" is auditioning female back-up singers for upcoming projects. Sound can be compared to Portishead, Attica Blue, Sade', and Kelis. Serious Inquiries only, call Clos at 678-643-6514 for auditioning times and other info. Apr 4 to Sep 1. 404-299-7963

EN-ACTE REP COMPANY The award-winning youth ensemble seeks 2 males and 1 female, ages 16-21, to join its existing company for upcoming shows. Looking for committed artists, who love to perform, and care about making a difference. Contact Ken. Aug 8 to Sep 7. 404-727-7019.

FEATURE FILM Feature Film shooting in Atlanta and Los Angeles seeks African-American males and females between 18-35 for lead roles. Mail submissions to Serenity Filmworks, 7904 Van Nuys Blvd #502, Van Nuys, CA 91402. Auditions to be held in Atlanta. Through Sept. 1.

FEATURE FILM OPENINGS Actors, actresses and extras needed for a 16 mm feature-length film. Looking for gangster types, bouncers, dancing females (clothed) and thugs. Reply immediately to: thecolddish@hotmail.com. Through Aug. 30.

FESTIVAL FEATURE FILM Featured extras and performers needed for a festival-bound gangster film shooting in Atlanta. Gangster types, thugs, female strippers (tasteful) and others wanted. Non-paying. Send headshots to: Casting, 600 Schooner Circle, Atlanta, 30328. Through Sept.

FILM SOUNDTRACK R&B acts needed for feature film soundtrack. Please submit demos to: Jove Entertainment, 7904 Van Nuys Blvd #502, Van Nuys, CA 91402. Attn: Soundtrack Dept. For details, visit www.joveentertainment.com. Through Sept. 1.

GLENN CHANCEL CHOIR Chancel Choir of Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church on the Emory campus has openings for volunteer singers and paid professional singers. Call for audition information. Ongoing. 404-525-4722

HEARTSONG Seeks all voice parts for upcoming season. Holy Cross Catholic Church. Aug. 26 and Sept. 9. 770-723-7012.

INDEPENDENT FILM Extras needed for film shooting at the end of August. Looking for Asian male and female ages 25-40 as well as Asian children ages 8-12. There is no pay but great experience. By appointment. Through Aug. 25. 404-728-7306.

KILLING TIME ENTERTAINMENT Seeks headshots and resumes for upcoming television pilot to be shot in the winter. We also want demo tapes for a theme song. Send materials to us: c/o Joston Theney, 763 Edenton Court, Jonesboro, GA 30236. Ongoing.

KUDZU FILM FESTIVAL ENTRIES NEEDED The festival seeks submissions for the event, which occurs Oct. 18-22 in Athens. Some of the categories include Best Feature, Best Short, Best Animation and The Audience Choice Award. Applications can be obtained at www.prometheus-x.com, or by calling. Ongoing.706-227-6090.

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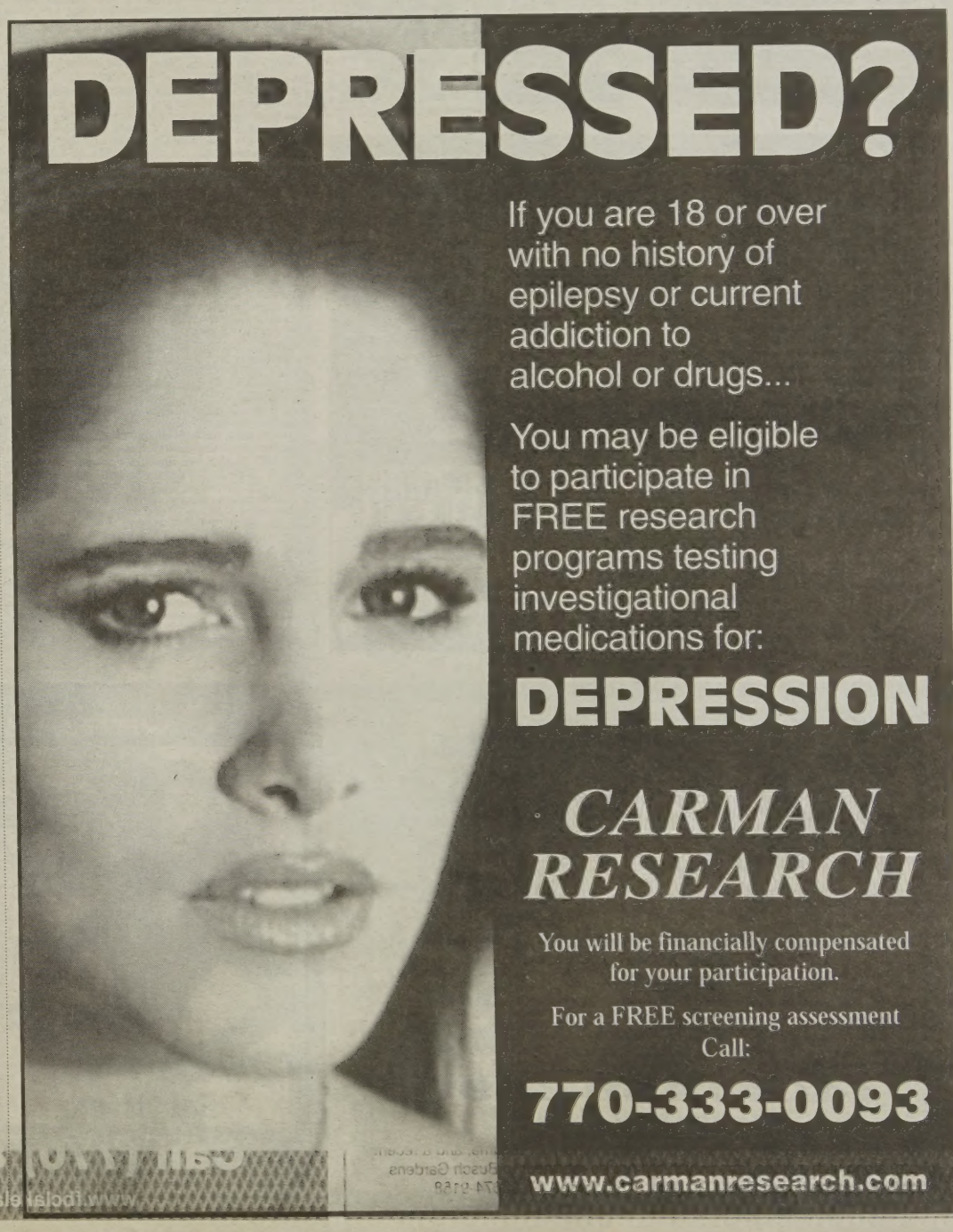
MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR INDEPENDENT FILM SOUNDTRACK Low budget film needs songs and musicians for the soundtrack of "Brooklyn, TX." a 35mm feature film to shoot in June. Please send demo or finished songs to PO Box 52499 Atlanta, GA 30355. Deferred pay, + % of profits for your creativity and hard work. Mar 15 to Sep 1.

NOBLE PRODUCTIONS The Roswell company seeks five men and five women, ages 14 and up, for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PERFORMING ARTS NORTH Seeks children ages 9-14 for a fall workshop production. Village Playhouses of Roswell. Aug. 2 and 23. 5-6:30 p.m. 678-494-4251.

PHOENIX DANCE PROJECT Seeks male and female professional jazz/modern dancers for upcoming shows. Must be able to attend rehearsals on Tues. and Thurs. mornings. Held at Roswell City Dance. Contact John. Aug. 21. 11 a.m. 678-641-1402.

PRODUCTION OF *CINDERELLA* & *THE BARBER OF SEVILLE* GMT Productions seeks two actors/singers for the two shows. A baritone and bass-baritone are wanted. Rehearsals start Sept. 8, and the contract is through Dec. 15. All traveling and housing provided. Send headshots to us at 503 East 3rd St., Rome, 30161. Ongoing. By appointment.. 706-295-3130.

SEED & FEED MARCHING ABOMINABLE Seeks participants for upcoming season. No previous marching band experience necessary. Musicians and non-musicians welcome. No audition. By appointment. Call for details. 404-688-6688.

SIMBOYA ENTERTAINMENT Seeks headshots and resumes for a feature film project. Send all info to: Attn. Andrea Dingley, Simboya Entertainment Casting, 629 Roberts Drive, Ste. A, Riverdale, GA 30274. Through Sept. 1. 770-907-0076.

SOUL-STICE REPERTORY ENSEMBLE Seeks performers for its 2001 season. Must prepare two contrasting monologues (one Shakespeare) less than three minutes combined. Conant Performing Arts Building, 499 Peachtree Rd., Oglethorpe University. By appointment. Aug. 26. 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 770-591-3036.

STARTIME THEATRES The Startime Dinner and Startime Children's Theatres is holding auditions for a Christmas musical, *The Homecoming* and *The Princess and the Pea*. Must prepare a song and do a cold reading from the script. Roswell Town Center. Aug. 19. Noon-5 p.m. 770-924-3220.

TAZZ DANCE COMPANY A pre-professional youth dance ensemble is holding auditions for its 2000-2001 season. We want young men and ladies ages 7-18 with previous dance training, ambition, energy and a desire to be challenged in all dance disciplines. Ongoing. 404-292-4406.

TELEVISION SHOW DANCERS The show, *CALIENTE*, will hold an open call for dancers. Must be attractive. No pay but great exposure and fun. Please call TOPOP. Ongoing. 770-743-1142.

TENOR & BASS/BARITONE WANTED The Cathedral of Christ the King needs to fill two of its paid staff/solo-vocal positions for the choir. Applicants need not be Catholic but must be good sight-readers. Call Kevin for more information. Ongoing. 404-233-2145 ext. 428.

THE ART PLACE We are now accepting applications to show in our gallery for the 2001 season, which runs Jan.-Nov. 2001. Our gallery offers 80 feet of running space and several pedestals for local visual artists of all media and styles. Call for details. Deadline Sept. 22. 770-509-2700.

THE CHORAL GUILD OF ATLANTA The group will hold auditions for all parts at Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church. Call for an appointment. Aug. 28-29. 404-223-6362.

THE MICHAEL O'NEAL SINGERS Seeks singers for all voice parts for our 2000/01 concert season. Varied repertoire spanning centuries and styles. Rehearsals are held Mon. nights from Sept.-May in Roswell. By appointment. August. 770-594-7974 ext. 773.

THE NEW CHORISTERS Seeks qualified singers for new season starting in Sept. Must read music, love to sing and like to perform with a chorus. All voice parts needed from Marietta and surrounding areas. Call for an appointment. Aug. 12 & 19 and Sept. 16. 770-953-3259.

WENDELL P. WHALUM COMMUNITY CHORUS Auditions for the Wendell P. Whalum Community Chorus will begin in August, 2000, and are ongoing throughout the choral year. Please visit our website for more information: www.angelfire.com/ga/wpwc. Ongoing.

Benefits and fundraisers

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF HANK GREENBERG A documentary about a Hall-of-Fame baseball player who became a hero to the Jewish community. All proceeds benefit IMAGE Film & Video Center and the Ciesla Foundation. United Artists Tara, 2345 Cheshire Bridge Rd. Aug. 16. 8 p.m. $20-$25. 404-352-4225.

2001 COMMUNITY CHANGE PROGRAM Sevananda Natural Food Cooperative now accepts applications from local non-profits to be one of the 12 organizations to receive donations from the store/customers. Must promote cooperative businesses, education, health or environment issues, etc. Deadline Oct. 15. Pick up applications at the store. 404-584-7875 ext. 122.

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT All golfers are invited to participate in this shotgun start tournament. The event feature several contests, such as chipping, putting and hole-in-one. Lake Lanier Islands Resort Hilton. Proceeds benefit the association's programs. Aug. 26-27. 1-888-DIABETES.

BOOKBAG DRIVE FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN Children's Restoration Network kicks-off its annual Back 2 School Readiness Campaign for Homeless Children with the drive. Drop off new bookbags filled with school supplies, such as pens, rulers, notebooks and folders, at any metro-Atlanta Wal-Mart Store. July 15-Aug. 20. 770-649-7117.

CHARITY AUTO DONATIONS Donate your car, truck, boat, trailer, etc. by the end of 2000 and get an IRS deduction. The donations benefit various charities. Call for details. Ongoing. 770-944-2011.

EMORY GOLF TOURNAMENT The only tournament in the state that teams able-bodied athletes with those who are physically challenged on the golf course. Proceeds benefit the amputee center at Emory's Center for Rehab Medicine. The Heritage Golf Club, Norcross. Aug. 21. 404-712-7593.

EVENING OF CAJUN FUN The event benefits Tech Corps Georgia and features dinner, dance instruction, cash bar and more Cajun fun. Lagniappe on the Bayou, 1412 Dunwoody Village Pkwy. Call for details. Aug. 21. 6:30 p.m. $100. 770-395-6969.

FASHION CARES 2000 The annual event kicks-off with a Patron Party at 3500 Peachtree Rd. The shopping party includes desserts from Mumbo Jumbo and 10 percent of sales go to The Living Room and Mercy Mobile Health Care. The actual benefit is on Aug. 29 at the Roxy. Aug. 22. 7:30 p.m. 404-688-1466.

GSA GOLF TOURNAMENT The Georgia Staffing Association will sponsor the tournament as a PAC fundraising event. Individuals and companies must RSVP by Aug. 18. The Hooch Golf Club, Duluth. Contact Neola. Aug. 24. Begins at $75. 770-660-2916.

PET POWER Hosts a benefit for the Happy Tails pet-assisted therapy group. The event includes a silent auction, celebrity pet appearances and buffet dinner. The Park Tavern. Aug. 20. 4-7 p.m. $25. 404-240-0966.

RIDE FOR PRIDE The annual bicycle classic benefits PRIDE for tomorrow's teachers. Participate in the Family Ride, Intermediate, Advanced or Century. No minimum pledge amount required in order to take part. Helmet required. Starts at Chateau Elan Winery. Aug. 27. $20-$25. 770-409-

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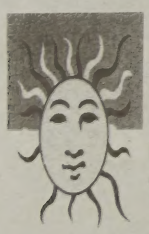
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STARLIGHT RIDE FOR CHILDREN Join Star 94's Vikki Locke for the motorcycle ride from Phipps Plaza to Killer Creek Harley Davidson in Roswell. Lunch, refreshments and live entertainment provided after the ride. Proceeds benefit the Starlight Children's Foundation. Aug. 20. 404-982-0508.

TIRED OF YOUR OLD CAR? Turn you car into a life-saver when you donate it to the National Kidney Foundation! We'll tow it away Free Of Charge! You may even qualify for a tax deduction. Help yourself and others at the same time! Fight Kidney Disease. Ongoing. (404) 248-1315

VEHICLES NEEDED The Georgia Pharmacy Assistance Program is looking for donations of used vehicles that will be auctioned or raffled to raise money. All donations are tax deductible. Call for free pick-up of the vehicle. Ongoing. 404-241-2765.

Children

A WORLD OF STORIES The Art Station Theatre presents the show with Barry Mann Stewart. The family program offers diverse storytelling as part of its Summer Children's Series. 5384 Manor Dr., Stone Mountain. Aug. 17. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. $4-$6. 770-469-1105.

AFRICAN TALES OF WISDOM The Center for Puppetry Arts presents the show by Akbar Imhotep. The program covers three new tales of African folklore with live music, rod puppets, masks and more. Part of the 2000-01 Family Series. 1404 Spring St. Aug. 21-June 9, 2001. Mon.-Fri. 10 & 11 a.m.; Sat. 10 a.m., 12 & 2 p.m. $4-$5. 404-873-3391.

MAKE THE LEAP: AN AMAZON TALE Zoo Atlanta's StoneLion Puppet Theatre shares the experiences of a young monkey who explores his rainforest home and teaches conservation. Mon., Thurs. & Fri. 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. July 1-Oct. 10. Free with admission, $6-$10. 404-624-5600.

RUMPLESTILTSKIN Little General Playhouse presents the classic children's tale for the whole family. 2060 Lower Roswell Road. Aug. 12-Sept. 2. 3 p.m. $6-$10. 770-565-3995.

THE HEALER WITHIN An interactive, bio-technology exhibit demonstrating the body's self healing abilities with games, virtual reality tours and animated characters to teach kids to make healthy choices. SciTrek, 395 Piedmont Ave. June 4-Sept. 30. $6-$7.50. 404-522-5500.

EARTHMAN Larry Smith will walk through and perform in 10 East Coast cities. See his innovative children's concert that help raise dialogue on Global Warming at Atlanta Unity Church Amphitheater. Visit www.TheEarthmanProject.org. Aug. 17-18. 7:30 p.m. 404-634-7800.

FIRST BOOK STORY TIME This is a monthly benefit event. The publishers of featured books will make a donation to First Book, a national organization that gives disadvantaged children new books of their own. At Barnes and Nobel, 50 Barrett Parkway, Suite 1100. Ongoing. 11 a.m. 770-422-2261

FUTURE VOICES, INC. An entertainment related organization for young adults interested in any area of entertainment. Members will gain exposure and network among industry leaders. Will meet at various locations depending on interest. Ongoing. 770-413-1457.

KID'S KUNG FU & STRESS MANAGEMENT Kid's Kung Fu classes that incorporate stress and anger management techniques as well as martial arts training. Will also learn tumbling. Ongoing. Mon.-Wed. 5:30 p.m., Sat . 11:30 a.m. $60/month. 404-776-5531.

KIDS ART CONTEST Children ages 5-16 can participate in the "enhancing Life Expression: Chiropractic Art Challenge." Awards given for best of show, most creative, most outrageous statement and more. Art must be matted and wrapped in acetate. Deadline Sept. 4. 404-259-5509.

KIDS KUNG FU Shao-lin Tiger / Crane Kung Fu can help aid in a child's development, coordination, discipline, focus and self-defense. Ongoing. 404-589-8811

MACY GRACE STORY LINE This free story line will enchant children and parents with original works by local authors. There are also children's safety tips. Ongoing. 770-923-5757

MUSIC TOGETHER Free demo classes for children, birth-4, and their caregivers. Seeks to assist children in developing basic music competency during the critical learning period of early childhood. Buckhead, 3100 Northside Dr. RSVP. Aug. 21 and 28. 10 a.m. 404-875-4377.

PUPPETREK 2000 The event includes a children's fun run and a 5K race for adults. Includes tours, entertainment, refreshments, prizes and more. Center for Puppetry Arts, 1404 Spring St. Aug. 19. 7:30 a.m. $6-$20. 404-231-9064.

SAF T IN SCHOOLS JAMBOREE The Victory Over Violence event includes youth artists, food, games and more. Mozely Park on MLK Drive. Call for details. Aug. 19. 12:30-8:30 p.m. 404-691-2009.

SPRUILL CENTER SUMMER ART CAMP Kids age 5-12 enjoy two-week sessions during which they create projects, learn new skills and explore artistic creativity. This year the camp will explore 5 themes including Art of the South and Art of the Carnival. 5339 Chamblee Dunwoody Road. June 12-Aug. 18. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 770-394-3447.

SUMMER ART CAMP Utrecht Atlanta is offering art classes for children ages 3-10. Painting, sculpture, drawing etc. 1280 Peachtree St. June-August. 404-347-9119

SUMMER ART CAMPS FOR KIDS Stepping stones, candle-making, mosaics, beadwork, handbuilding, tie-dye and more. Naked Clay Studio. Ongoing. 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. 404-252-9505.

SUMMER ARTS FOR TEENS The Warsaw Ocee Community Arts Center offers classes conducted in 3-week increments covering art history, batik cloth dying, Incan ceramics, Nigerian beadwork on looms and more. 9800 Medlock Bridge Road. June 14-Aug. 18. 10 a.m.-noon. 770-623-8448.

SUMMERFEST 2000 Educational workshops, museum tours and fun-filled performances including *Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood* and more highlight the summer season at the Center for Puppetry Arts. 1404 Spring St. June 12-Aug. 19. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. & 12 p.m., Sat. 10 am, 12 & 2 p.m. $5-$8. 404-873-3391.

TODDLER THURSDAYS The High Museum of Art offers the program for children ages 2-5. Kids and their caregivers are invited every Thurs. to make art inspired by the permanent and special collections. Adults with toddlers are admitted free. Ongoing. 1-4 p.m. 404-733-4476.

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BALLROOM DANCING Free lessons sponsored by U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dance Association; first Sunday each month (2-5 p.m.) Dance City Ballroom (404-266-0166); second Saturday (7:30-11 p.m.) Atlanta Ballroom Dance Centre (404-847-0821). Feb 1 to Dec 31.

BRIDGE LESSONS Free six-week lessons offered by the Atlanta Bridge Center on Thurs. For those who wish to learn to play bridge and those who want to brush up on their game. We will form a game from the lessons. 6313 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard. Starts Aug. 31. 10 a.m. & 7 p.m. 770-300-9895.

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CUTTING GARDEN CLASS Learn how to select a site for a cutting garden or how to incorporate one into an existing site. Learn how to harvest, condition and use fresh-cut flowers. RSVP by Aug. 17. The Atlanta Botanical Garden. Aug. 22. 7-9 p.m. $25. 404-876-5859 ext. 555.

EARTHSHAKING SAMBA Performance group learning and playing the Carneval drum music of Brazil. Open to all. Meet at Earthshaking Music, 543 Stokeswood Ave, Atlanta GA 30316. Call 404-577-0707 for more info. Ongoing. Sun. 3-5 p.m. Free. 404-577-0707

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE Free and no registration needed. Sponsored by Literacy Volunteers of America-Metro Atlanta and DeKalb County Public Library. Call for more information. Ongoing. 404-370-8450 ext. 2240.

EXPLORING DREAM WORK The Wellness Community offers free classes that enable you to gain insight into how your dreams express your feelings, attitudes and behaviors. 1776 Peachtree St., Suite L-1. Aug. 22 and 29. 12:30-2 p.m. 404-888-0050.

FREE COMPUTER WORKSHOPS Onsite instruction at a different Atlanta-Fulton County Library each week. Open to those 10 or older. Reservations required. June 5-Aug. 31. 404-730-1873

INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING Offers circle, couple and line dances from around the world on Thurs. Partners not necessary. Beginners' lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. St. Mark's Church, 2566 Briarcliff at Druid Hills. Ongoing. 8-10:30 p.m.. $2.50.. 770-270-6884.

LIFE TRAINING PROGRAM An educational, nonprofit foundation, combines experiential learning with highly skilled facilitators to enhance your ability to change the quality of everything in your life. Ongoing. 404-320-1366

NEURO-LINGUISTIC PROGRAMMING UNLIMITED POWER An advanced approach to understanding human thought, communication styles and behavior patterns. Free introduction 2nd Mon. of each month. NLP Center of Atlanta, 6 N. Pkwy. Square, 4200 Northside Parkway. Ongoing. 404-841-0203

NIA The Wellness Community offers free Nia classes that teach you to integrate mind, body and spirit in a graceful, yet powerful movement program. 1776 Peachtree St., Suite L-1. Aug. 14, 21 and 28. 6-7:15 p.m. 404-888-0050.

PLANT COMBINATIONS Learn how to select winning plant combinations. The two session class covers plants for sun and shade as well as color combinations. RSVP by Aug. 18. The Atlanta Botanical Garden. Aug. 24 and 31. 7-9 p.m. $25-$40. 404-876-5859 ext. 555.

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WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS TRAINING The Georgia Forestry Commission provides all instructors and equipment for a statewide certification program for wildland firefighters. All Georgia firefighting personnel are eligible. Georgia Fire Academy, Forsyth. July 17-21 & Sept. 18-22. 912-993-4670.

Clubs and organizations

ATLANTA SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY A gathering of fans & friends of Sci-Fi & Fantasy. Meets on the first Sun. of every month at the Sandy Springs Library. Email or call Jan asfs@juno.com. Ongoing. 2 p.m. 770-864-4456.

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CHRISTOPHER'S TOASTMASTERS The club meets the first, third and fifth Mon. of each month at La Madeleine, West Paces Ferry Rd. Ongoing. 6:15-8 p.m.. 770-517-9274.

CLAYTON COUNTY TOASTMASTERS Dedicated to personal growth through development of communication and leadership skills, welcomes you for an enjoyable and enlightening experience. Shoney's, 6705 Jonesboro Road, Morrow. Ongoing. Thurs. 6:45 p.m.. 770-472-1785

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DOGWOOD TOASTMASTERS Improve your communication skills. We meet every Sat. at Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 2650 North Druid Hills Rd. Ongoing. 8 a.m.

EARTHKEEPERS Come to dinner the second Wed. of each month for a community gathering and fundraiser featuring vegan food, live music and great conversation. Tribal values for the future. R Thomas & Son Deluxe Grill, 1812 Peachtree St. Ongoing. 7-9 p.m. $20 donation. 770-495-9496.

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GEORGIA PERENNIAL PLANT ASSOCIATION Alex Smith lectures on the usage of perennials in gardens at its monthly meeting. Atlanta History Center, McElreath Hall, 130 W. Paces Ferry Rd. Aug. 17. 7:30 p.m. 404-237-8071.

GEORGIA STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Presents "Managing Your Career," a seminar at the new Alpharetta campus. Call for details. Aug. 23. 6:30 p.m. 404-651-1265.

GEORGIANS FOR RESPONSIBLE IMMIGRATION POLICY (GRIP) is a community association that supports reform of immigration laws. 2103 N. Decatur Rd., Suite 189, Decatur 30033. Ongoing. 770-578-5034

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INVENTORS ASSOCIATES OF GEORGIA a non-profit organization which helps inventors and entrepreneurs market their prospective ideas, products, and inventions hosts monthly meetings, speakers, and discussions around Atlanta. Ongoing. 770-579-9854

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY The group is dedicated to preserving and disseminating Jewish genealogical knowledge and information. Monthly meetings. Gary, 404-239-3686

LAWRENCEVILLE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM is an outreach of the First United Methodist Church of Lawrenceville and is open to anyone regardless of age, race, gender or religion. The program assists Lawrenceville residents. Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Ongoing. 7 p.m. 770-963-0386 ext. 35

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MILITANT LABOR FORUM presents speakers, videos, panels and political discussion on the most important topics for the working class. Pathfinder Bookstore, 230 Auburn Ave. Fridays. 7:30 p.m. $4. 404-577-7976

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK HOSPITALITY ALLIES The only national organization dedicated solely to educating African Americans on the virtues of hotel ownership. Hold monthly mixers and periodic seminars. 75 Piedmont Ave., Suite 75. Ongoing. 404-344-1425

NORTH METRO MOTHERS OF TWINS CLUB meets at Egleston Children's Center at 3618 Sandy Plains Road on the third Monday of each month to offer support, adivce and friendship to those with twins, triplets, and more. ongoing. 678-445-0017

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTER Atlanta's Forest in the City hosts a celebration for its 25th anniversary. The public is invited to attend. Call for details. Aug. 18. 10 a.m.

PEACHTREE CLOWN ALLEY Meets monthly at the Yaarab Shrine Temple on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Ongoing. 7 p.m. 770-484-0940

POLK STREET SPEAKERS TOASTMASTERS meets at St. James Church Hall, 161 Church St., Marietta. Overcome your fear of speaking in public in a non-threatening environment. First & Third Tues. Ongoing. 7:30-9 p.m.. 770-690-9886

REFERRAL EXCHANGE Busniness networking for success. Sandy Springs Chapter meets 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wed. at the Ravinia Club on Ashford Dunwoody Road. Ongoing. 7:15 p.m. 404-255-7578

SIERRA CLUB'S CENTENNIAL GROUP meets the first Thursday of every month at the Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Paul on Johnson Ferry Road. Ongoing. 770-6643-5914

SOUTHEASTERN PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY Promotes photography in the Atlanta area via programs, competitions, workshops, and field trips. Open to photographers of all skill levels. Meetings the first Friday of the month. Ongoing. 770-493-9494

THE NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION Each person who joins the foundation in Aug. will receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees as part of its Trees for America campaign. Send dues to: Ten Dogwoods, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. Through Aug. 31. $10.

TOASTMASTERS-PRESIDENTS CLUB Meets the first and third Wed. of each month at the Cobb Government Service Center on Lower Roswell Road. Build your communication skills in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Visitors welcome. Call Steve. Ongoing. 7-8:30 p.m. 770-926-7235.

WRITERS & ARTISTS OF FAITH A ministry of Bethany Apostolic Faith Church is offering free literary services to authors of religious literature. Meetings held every Thurs. night. 4335 Roosevelt Hwy., College Park. Ongoing. 7:30-9 p.m. 678-393-3620.

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BUCKHEAD ROTARACT A fun group of young professionals who meet for the purpose of community service and networking. Affliated with the Buckhead Rotary Club. We meet the first and third Mon. of the month at John Harvard's Brew House. Visit www.buckheadrotaract.org. Ongoing. 7 p.m.

JOY 'N' LIVING GROUP Active individuals dedicated to enriching the aging experience of all members and society. We have our own television show, regional magazine and newsletter. Meets the first Wed. at Chambrel in Roswell and the third Thurs. at Altobelli's in Alpharetta. Ongoing. Wed: 2 p.m., Thurs. 7 p.m. 770-979-8850.

MIDTOWN TOASTMASTERS MEETING Improve your speaking skills in a convenient environment. We meet every Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the Arthritis Foundation, 1330 W. Peachtree, room 125. Ongoing. 404-872-3593 x125

POLITICAL

ACTUP! ATLANTA A diverse coalition of individuals united in anger and committed to ending the AIDS crisis through protests, direct action and education. For more information, visit www.actupatlanta.com. Ongoing.

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ARTISTS' COLLECTIVE Looking for artists, photographers, graphic designers, and writers interested in forming a collective with a mission to produce meaningful progressive work and political direct action campaigns. Decatur. Call or e-mail for details. Ongoing. 404-244-8904.

ATLANTA FREE THOUGHT SOCIETY activist group that allows atheists, secular humanists and other nontheists to educate others on the values of a life free of religious dogma, to socialize with nontheists, and to take appropriate political action to protect our rights. Lambda Center. Second Sunday of each month. 12:30 p.m. 770-641-2903

BPSA'S FALL COMMUNITY SERVICE The Black Professional Secretaries Association (BPSA) will host a Voter Registration Drive. William C. Brown Library, Wesley Chapel Road Decatur, Georgia. 9/18/1999. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. FREE. 770-578-5005

COALITION TO ABOLISH THE FUR TRADE A grassroots animal rights group dedicated to bringing about the end of fur trade through legislation, education, and demonstrations. P.O. Box 80704, Chamblee 30366 Ongoing. 770-220-0309

END HUNGER AND POVERTY Results Citizen's Lobby works to create the political will to end hunger and poverty. You can make a difference! Ongoing. Michelle, 404 378-6545

NORTH FULTON YOUNG REPUBLICANS meet on the 4th Tues. of every month at the Holiday Inn at the corner of Dogwood Road just off Holcomb Bridge. Social at 7pm. Speaker at 7:30pm. Ongoing. 770-346-0001

PAULO FRIERE DISCUSSION GROUP According to Friere, education either conditions people to accept conditions of oppression and exploitation, or else it facilitates a dialogue about the structures of society in order to change them. Join us for readings and discussion. Ongoing. 678-461-6019.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS OF FULTON COUNTY Meet the first Wed. of the month. Join us for political discussions and fun. Contact Laura. Ongoing. 6:30 p.m. 404-638-6868

PROFESSIONAL

ASIFA-ATLANTA Iis devoted to the encouragement of film animation as an art and communication forum. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm. Call Steve for directions 404-874-7200. Ongoing. 7-8:30 p.m..

ATLANTA JUGGLERS ASSOC. MEETING All jugglers or enthusiasts are invited to "throw things" every Tues. & Thurs. at the Little 5 Points Community Center. Ongoing. 7-9 p.m.. 770-427-3903

ATLANTA LAWYERS' ORCHESTRA Rehearses at the William J. Breman Jewish Home on Mon. evenings. All musicians welcome. 3150 Howell Mill Road. Contact Alysa. Ongoing. 7-9 p.m. 770-399-2790 ext. 109

ATLANTA URBAN LEAGUE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION meets at 100 Edgewood Ave., 6th floor conference room. first Thurs. of each month. 6 p.m. 404-688-5170

ATLANTA WOMEN'S NETWORK Join us at our monthly meeting, featuring guest speaker Cynthia Tucker. Event also includes networking and lunch. RSVP by Aug. 17. 103 West Restaurant, 103 W. Paces Ferry. Aug. 20. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. $25-$30. 404-256-8787.

COBB LEGAL SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION Meets the third Wed. at Traveling Fare Caterers, 65 Church St., Marietta. This month's speaker is Judge G. Conley Ingram. RSVP. Aug. 16. Noon. 770-578-5599.

EDITORIAL FREELANCERS ASSOCIATION At the Atlanta Chapter meeting, learn from a retired IRS employee about the legal deductions freelancers are allowed and other tax matters. 2331 Brockett Road, Tucker. Aug.1 9. 1-3 p.m. 404-636-9990.

FASHION DESIGNERS Get informed and participate in fashion shows. This group offers lists of clients looking for beginner designers, discount sales, networking events and assistance with your portfolio. Call for details. Ongoing. 404-627-9245.

FASHION NETWORK A club for upcoming models, fashion designers and make-up artists who want exposure and more advantages. Call for details. Ongoing. 678-223-2006 ext. 1073.

FAT THURSDAY.COM Hosts its monthly networking event for Internet professionals at Atlanta Beer Garten, 3013 Peachtree Road. Visit www.fatthursday.com. Aug. 24. 7-10 p.m. $10. 617-783-3680.

GREATER ATLANTA ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY Consists of both avocational and professional archaeologists and sponsors lectures, field trips, etc. Meets the second Tues. of every month at the Fernbank Science Center, Heaton Park Dr., Decatur. Ongoing. 770-242-2249.

INTERNATIONAL ARTIST GUILD Seeks volunteers and applicants for a membership drive. Benefits include live stage, open mic, CD recording, rehearsal, limos, advocacy and more. Call Greg. Ongoing. 404-577-0300.

INVESTMENT CLUB Seeks professional women who want to invest long-term. No investing experience is required. We meet monthly. Ongoing. 404-209-9104.

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA MUSICIANS ASSOC. The Metropolitan Atlanta Musicians Association needs you! We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month in various locations. For more information regarding meetings and membership, please visit our website. Ongoing.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS The Atlanta Chapter meets on the third Thurs. of every month, except in Aug. and Dec., at the Ashford Club, N. Terraces, 10th Floor, 400 Perimeter Center Terrace. RSVP. Ongoing. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. $25-$35. 770-433-1166.

PENNY STOCK INVESTMENT CLUB Learn saving, investing and money management by studying and researching small growth companies. Meets bimonthly. Call for more information. Ongoing. 770-414-1001.

POSITIVE ENERGY This business-to-business network hosts monthly meetings for aspiring and established African-American entrepreneurs. Round table discussions focused on running a successful business venture. No Fees. Ongoing. 404-534-9925.

REAL ESTATE INVESTORS Join us to sell related services, such as mortgages and insurance, and bargain real estate. Everyone is welcome. We meet the third Thurs. of each month at the Holiday Inn Select on Chamblee-Dunwoody. Ongoing. 7:30 p.m. 678-393-9986.

SOCIETY FOR TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION Organization devoted to the theory and practice of technical communication will hold its monthly meeting featuring guest speakers Jewel Kennington and John Burnet, who will discuss "In Search of the Perfect Resume." Marriott Perimeter Center Hotel. Aug. 16. 6:30-8:30 p.m. $5. 770-304-5637.

THE FREELANCE FORUM The forum for freelance professionals in advertising, marketing and communications offers guest speakers, camaraderie and networking for designers, AD's, writers, illustrators, photographers, Internet and multimedia specialists. Meets first Thurs. Ongoing. 404-705-2400.

TOASTMASTERS Improve your speaking, listening and thinking skills in a fun and supportive environment at FSG Toastmasters. Meets Thursdays.FSG Bldg, 5985 State Bridge Road, Room 2202/2203. Duluth. Ongoing. 12 - 1 p.m.. $40 annual dues. 770-449-4900 x3151

WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY The group sponsors an event that equips working women interested in shifting from a non-technology related career into a technology related career with the information they need to get started. RSVP. South Terraces Auditorium, 115 Perimeter Center Place. Aug. 22. 5:30-9 p.m. 404-817-3333.

YOUNGBUCKS Our monthly meeting brings together young professionals who live, work or play in Buckhead. We foster leadership development, personal enrichment, networking and community involvement. J.W. Marriott Hotel, 3300 Lenox Road. Aug. 16. 6-8 p.m. $5. 770-457-1025.

SOCIAL

AFRICAN-AMERICANS ON ROLLER BLADES Join us for city-street runs, California style. All gear required. For qualified skaters. Offers referrals for lessons and discounts on equipment. Call for details. Ongoing. 404-627-9245.

AFRICAN-AMERICANS OVER 40 CLUB Networking, live performances, happy hour get-togethers. Meets Thurs. ReggieSwails@mail.theclubline.com. Ongoing. 404-875-1144.

ATLANTA ASTRONOMY CLUB Guest speakers, observing outings to dark starry skies, astronomy and telescope instruction for beginners, telescope making, observatory privileges, monthly meetings. Ongoing. 770-621-2661

ATLANTA BALLROOM DANCE CLUB Join us for a dance on the third Sat. of each month. Free lessons are offered. The Knights of Columbus Hall, 2620 Buford Hwy. Ongoing. 8 p.m.-midnight. $8. 770-594-8888.

ATLANTA EARLY MUSIC ALLIANCE for musicians and listeners who enjoy music composed prior to 1800. Newsletter lists all early music concerts and workshops in the Atlanta area and beyond. Ongoing. www.atlema.org

ATLANTA PARROT HEAD CLUB If you are a Buffett fan, join our club. We meet the 1st, 3rd & 5th Thurs. at Percy's Fish House, 3227 Roswell Road. Ongoing. 770-989-2510

ATLANTA RADIO CLUB Promotes the building and safe flying of radio control airplanes and helicopters. http://www.mindspring:-sbon/re.htm Ongoing. Last Tues..

ATLANTA SKY-HI CLUB A social club for tall people. Dances, house parties, movie nights, dining and hikes. Ongoing. 404-525-8600

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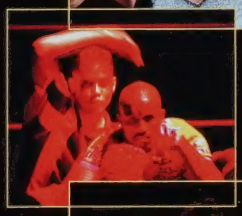

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Held in The Contemporary's renovated turn-of-the-century warehouse art center and open-air courtyards, *ArtParty* attendees can expect the unexpected and bizarre surprises throughout the party. Colorful guests add to the vibrant atmosphere and always arrive dressed to thrill. From jeans and black velvet to body paint and elaborate costumes, if you have ever had a penchant to experiment with a change in your personae, *ArtParty* is the place to do it. *ArtParty* will take you from the commonplace to the unusual, but all are designed to shift your reality from ordinary to extraordinary.

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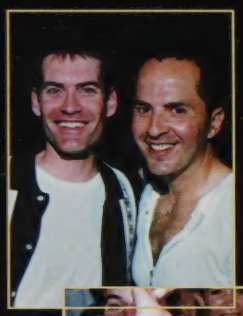

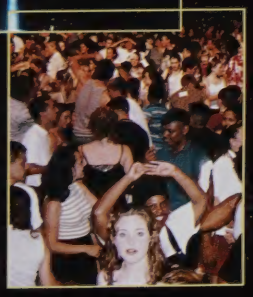

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On Saturday, September 9, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center will feature the largest and most exciting party in the Southeast, ArtParty 2000. Celebrating it's 18th year, the annual ArtParty has become a legendary, hip event that brings together more than 3,500 arts enthusiasts, from novice to collector, in an evening celebrating the eclectic impact of contemporary arts in Atlanta. Justly earning the accolade "Best Party in Atlanta," by the Atlanta Journal Constitution, ArtParty combines art, music, fashion, dance, food and more to create Atlanta's most anticipated party of the year.

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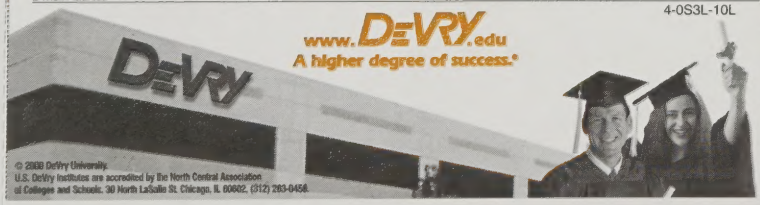

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ATLANTA TRAVEL & SOCIAL CLUB An internet-based group of individuals in the Atlanta Area who enjoy participating in group organized social, travel & sporting events. Bi-weekly happy hours & bi-monthly trips & parties. Info at www.AtlantaTravelandSocial.com or 404-713-2128 Ongoing. 404-713-2128

ATLANTA UNITY TOASTMASTERS CLUB Get acquainted and improve public speaking skills. Atlanta Unity Church, 4146 Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd. Wednesdays. 6 p.m.

ATLANTA YANKEE FAN CLUB An Atlanta-based fan club of the NY Yankees. Meetings begin April 13 at the Famous Pub and Sports Palace, 2947 N. Druid Hills Road. www.AtlantaYankeeFanClub.com. Ongoing.

BLACK MALE FORUM African-American men concerned about giving mentorship and issues of life, dating, volunteering at community centers, networking and more. Meets bi-monthly. Call for details. Ongoing. 404-627-9245.

BLACK NEWCOMERS NETWORK A non-profit organization that assists new residents in their transition to the Atlanta area by providing a network of individuals and organizations with diverse backgrounds and interests. Third Sun. of every month. Margarett Mitchell Library. Ongoing. 2:30 p.m. 770-438-4600

BLACK VEGETARIAN SOCIETY OF GEORGIA plans a variety of monthly events that are exciting, informative and social. Everyone is welcome to attend. Ongoing. 770-621-5056

BLACK WOMEN'S ALLIANCE African-American women concerned with the image of African-American women should join. Mentor and network on issues of relationships, appearance, attitudes and more. Call for details. Ongoing. 404-627-9245.

BROTHERS A networking group for black men that meets monthly at the Peachtree Library. Call Lea. Ongoing. 404-505-7800.

CASINO LOVERS OF ATLANTA Forming a new club for individuals and groups who are interested in bi-monthly casino trips. Must be 21 or older. No cost to join. Ongoing. 770-281-3097

CLUB ATLANTA Meet new friends! A social club for young prof. 21-39. Meets Wednesdays. Planned events each month such as parties, hikes, dancing, movies, dining, & fun runs. Call the 24 Hr. Hotline. Ongoing. 8 p.m.. $25 Annual Membership Dues. 770-772-5229

DARK SHADOWS OVER ATLANTA /SCIFI CLUB Club meetings are held monthly at the Northside Public Library in Buckhead. We watch Dark Shadows episodes, discuss horror/scifi related tv shows, books. Bring a refreshment to share. We also attend Atlanta-area and national conventions as a group. Ongoing. 1-4 p.m.. 770-973-6929

FELLOWSHIP OF REASON A rational, moral community that celebrates our lives and freedoms. We study ethics. Meets monthly. Ongoing. 770-960-9325.

FREEDOM BOAT CLUB Enjoy the freedom and no hassle of boating without expense. Lake Lanier's private membership club offers unlimited boating. We pay all cost. Visit www.fbclakelanier.com. 4995 Friendship Road, Suite K, Buford. Ongoing. 770-831-6082.

INDIANA ALUMNI ASOCIATION OF ATLANTA We gather throughout the year for activities, including IU basketball and football viewing parties at Tony's American Grille and Tap. Meets every third Friday for Happy Hour at various locations. Ongoing. 770-242-IU92

INTERRACIAL FAMILY ALLIANCE A multi-cultural network developed by and for people in interracial relationships. IFA sponsors social and educational events. Ongoing. (770)-924-8453

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE Southeast Chapter of national organization meets for social, cultural, educational and meaningful programs. Summer covered dish picnic. Holiday sushi feast. Call Audrie Ono. Ongoing. 770-587-7414.

LES BARRAGOUINEURS is a French social club that meets at Jocks & Jills, Brookhaven. For all interested parties with varying levels of French. Wednesdays. 7 p.m. $15 annually. 770-951-0357

MARTHA STEWART GOOD THINGS GROUP Discuss "all things Martha" -including cooking, decorating and entertaining ideas. The group meets 1st Thursdays in the Borders Children Dept. Ongoing. 7:30 p.m. 404 237-0707, Katherine

MEET NEW FRIENDS A club for females 21-29 who love to go out and spend the night on the town with other local females for fun and friendship. Great for those new to Atlanta. Ongoing. 678-358-4935.

MENSA The "High IQ Society" monthly social is open to prospective memebers. Jocks & Jills, Peachtree Road. Ongoing. 8 p.m. 770-449-5327.

MIDTOWN ACTIVITY GROUP Join friends for fun and social activities. You will be an active member with the opportunity to bring your ideas to the table. Open to all. Ongoing. 404-817-0575.

NEO-ATLANTA A social circle now forming for African-American women who are new to the Atlanta Metro area. If you are a transplant or interested in meeting new people, e-mail NeoAtlanta@aol.com. Ongoing.

NEW NEIGHBORS LEAGUE CLUB invites residents new to the area to participate in their club of fun and friendship. NNLC hosts a variety of activities and interest groups, monthly luncheons, dinners, tours and casual socials. New member orientation first Wed. per month. Ongoing. 770-399-5377

NUBIANS ON WHEELS (NOW) Organization seeking African-American females 18-35 who enjoy the pleasures of motorcycle riding around Atlanta and assisting local charities with fundraising. Call Allison. Ongoing. 770-582-0374

OUT OF TOWNERS Age 35 and over receive special gifts with valid out of town ID card. Networking, volunteer tour guides, dance partners, dinners. ReggieSwails@mail.theclub.com. Ongoing. 404-875-1144.

PARTY BRIDGE CLUB Enjoy a fun evening of relaxed bridge and meet new friends. Now forming in Midtown. Ongoing. 404-733-6272.

PEN PALS Meet other pen pals for friendship by joining our correspondence club. P.O. Box 2013, Atlanta, GA 30301. Ongoing. 770-621-7991.

PHOENIX ORGANIZATION Join Atlanta's young professionals in fund raising, volunteering, and socializing. Meetings are the last Thursday of every month at the Resource Forum in Buckhead. Next event is the Motorcycle ride for Starlight Children's Foundation. Aug. 20. 404-892-2182.

PLUS-SIZED PERSONS A social club catering exclusively to plus-sized persons. We promote the idea that Big is Beautiful. Call for more information. Ongoing. 770-819-0035.

POP CULTURE ART/ GRAPHICS ASSOCIATION This is where cutting edge graphic designers, comic book artists, fine artists, and computer artists meet to brainstorm and create the art of the 21 century! Ongoing. 770 641-1738

READER This book club meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Barnes and Noble by Cumberland Mall at 7:30 p.m. The book selections are chosen by the members of the group and each person gets a turn choosing the selection of the month. Ongoing. 770-409-6390

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SISTER CIRCLE An African-American women discussion group that meets on the first Sat. of each month. We discuss the issues that impact us and our community. Stone Mountain. Ongoing. 770-323-6757.

SISTERS A new African-American women's network of newcomers that meets monthly at the Woodruff Arts Center. Call Lea. Ongoing. 404-505-7800.

SOCIAL COORDINATOR CLUB We make the good time happen. For those who enjoy meeting and planning. Monthly sessions at 57 Fighter Group, a restaurant on Clairmont. Ongoing. 770-414-1001.

SONG OF ATLANTA CHORUS Southeastern Regional Championship Women's Barbershop chorus invites all women who love singing and meeting new friends! All ages! Meets every Tuesday at Congregation Etz Chaim, 1190 Indian Hills Pkwy, Marietta. Ongoing. 7:30 pm. 770 509-0922

SOUL DANCERS For African-American men who want to learn new dance steps, network, mentor and socialize. Extensive image consulting and dance training. Call for details. Ongoing. 404-627-9245.

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOC. The Atlanta chapter meets the first Sat. of the month at Ben Hill Recreation Center, 2405 Fairburn Road. Alumni Jaguar Roundup May 27, Golf Tournament June 17 at Sugar Creek and picnic Aug. 12 at Adams Park. Ongoing. 10 a.m. 404-239-8178.

SPANISH GATHERING A club for individuals interested in the Spanish language and culture. Some knowledge of Spanish necessary. Meeting held on the second Thurs. of every month in the Midtown area. Gatherings monitored by instructors. Ongoing. $15.. 404-892-9666.

SPIRITUAL ENDEAVORS A non-profit educational organization that opens in Gwinnett County on June 25. New speakers are featured every month, plus a large metaphysical library. We meet every fourth Sun. Ongoing. 678-344-6032.

STONE MOUNTAIN BARBERSHOP CHORUS Invites all interested men to join them for rehearsal on Mon. evenings. The all-male acapella singing group meets at Embry Hills United Methodist Church, 3304 Henderson Mill Road. Ongoing. 7:30 p.m. 770-978-8053.

SUNDAYS HEALING CHOIR Open, ongoing, participatory group singing. Receive free guidance in using intuition and voice to activate the healing frequencies. Ongoing. 7-9pm. 404-872-5417

TAU KAPPA EPSILON TKE Atlanta is open to all alumni. Events include social outings, athletic teams, Braves games, family events, professional workshops and networking. Ongoing. 1-877-243-9287.

THE COUPLE GOURMET A dining-out club for those who are married, engaged or in a relationship. The club will take you on a delectable journey of food in an upscale atmosphere. Meet, mingle and dine with other upscale couples at Atlanta's premier restaurants. Call Terri Lee. Ongoing. 678-584-0223.

THE GREATER ATLANTA DOG AND DISC CLUB Hosts the annual Georgia State Frisbee Dog Championships. Enjoy the show and lots of family fun. Dellinger Park, Cartersville. Aug. 19. 6-10 p.m. Free admission. 678-423-9670.

TOWNE LAKE OPTIMISTS CLUB Seeking members to charter. If you have any questions regarding the club contact Geoffrey Faivre-Malloy. Ongoing. 770-592-4738

TRAVEL CLUB Seeks new adult members for group weekend getaways and cruises. No cost to join. Ongoing. 770-281-3097

TUESDAY NIGHT BOARD GAME CLUB meets at the RedLight Cafe for casual conversation and gaming. Bring your own games and teach them, or show up and learn new games. 553 Amsterdam Ave. Ongoing. 404-874-7828

VEGETARIAN SOCIETY OF GEORGIA Meet other vegetarians for potlucks, events, presentations, etc. Everyone is invited! Call for more info. Ongoing. 770-662-4019

VEGETARIAN SOLUTIONS Join us for dinners with others who've chosen to reduce their meat consumption. Change the world one meal at a time. Meets second Sunday of every month at Soul Vegetarian Restaurant, Ralph D. Abernathy Blvd. Ongoing. 7 p.m. 770-427-7832.

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WEIGHTLIFTING A new bodybuilding and weightlifting club is now forming. Call Harold. Ongoing. 770-447-8666.

WOMEN'S SPIRIT CIRCLE Join other women on the journey to spiritual wholeness through group discussion and personal study in a safe, feminist environment. Spiritual circle for self-awakening, meditation, manifesting and inner-healing work. Meets second and fourth Sun. Ongoing. 4-6 p.m. 404-305-8807.

YOUNG COUPLES Recreational, social, and educational activities for couples that are seriously dating, engaged or newlyweds. Sponsored by the Atlanta Jewish Community Center. Ongoing. Rebecca, 770-396-3250

Gay and lesbian

AFRICAN AMERICAN LESBIAN AND GAY GOSPEL CHOIR is now forming. Looking for musicians, vocalists, and directors. Come lift your voices in total praise. Ongoing. James, 770-996-1307

ATLANTA PRIME TIMERS a social/service group providing a friendly environment for mature gay/bisexual men and their friends. Ponce de Leon Library. 1st Saturday of the month. 2 p.m. 770-441-5573

ATLANTA RAINBOW TROUT Aquatic Club is one of Atlanta's largest United States Masters Swimming (USMS) and Water Polo teams. Swim times are Tues. & Thurs. 8:30-10 p.m. Fri. 7:30-9 p.m. Sun. 11a.m.-12:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed for the swim-a-thon. 404-286-6131

BI-SEXUAL, BI-CURIOUS Informal group now forming. Call for details. Ongoing. 404-607-7600.

BINATURE A support and discussion group for Bi-sexuals and Bi-friendlies meets at First Existentialist Congregation, 470 Candler Park Dr. Ongoing. 7-9pm, 3rd Tue. of each month. (404)-256-8992

BINET ATLANTA MONTHLY MEETING A social organization for bisexual & bi-friendly people meets the first Fri. of the month at the Innovox Lounge located in the Ford Factory Square on Ponce de Leon Ave. Come out and meet Atlanta's cool bisexual crowd. Ongoing. 404-256-8992

BLACK AND WHITE MEN TOGETHER a gay multicultural organization that hosts educational, political, cultural and social activities. Meets 1st Sat. of each month for potluck. Ongoing. 7 p.m. 404-892-BWMT

BOYS WILL BE BOYS No-nonsense, peer-led four week workshop for gay/bi/questioning men 25 and under. AID Atlanta Gay OUTreach. Groups always enrolling. toolbox@aidatlanta.org. Ongoing. 404-870-7763

CHILDREN OF LESBIAN AND GAYS A support and discussion group for children whose parents are gay. Meets the third Sun. of each month at Cathedral of St. Philips, 2744 Peachtree. Ongoing. 2:30 p.m. 770-649-6368.

COLOR BI NUMBERS A social group for bi-sexual people of color and those who love them. If you're interested in helping to create this safe space, call for information. Ongoing. 678-358-5750.

DISCUSSION AND WORKSHOP For young gay and bisexual men ages 13-24. Issues include ways to meet guys, problems with intimacy, communicating with friends and boyfriends and protecting yourself from STDs. 2nd and 4th Mondays. Youth Pride. Call Kevin Bynes. Ongoing. 404-223-6780

GAY AND GRAY GROUP Designed for mature gays and lesbians. Group discussions will include finances, health, meeting new friends and more. 71 Twelfth Street. Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Center, 71 Twelfth Street. Sundays. 2 p.m.. 404-876-5372

GAY FATHERS OF ATLANTA is a support group for gay men who are fathers or want to be. Meets on the 2nd Wed. at Fulton Public Library, 980 Ponce, and the 4th Wed. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 634 W Peachtree St. Ongoing. 7:30-9 p.m. 404-342-6451

GAY MEN'S DISCUSSION SERIES AID Atlanta introduces Toolbox, a gay men's educational and social series beginning May 8. First discussion-*Living Your Dreams: Overcoming Barriers and Drama in Your Life.* toolbox@aidatlanta.org. Ongoing. 404-870-7824

GAY SINGLE MINGLE Meet and socialize with other single gay and lesbian professionals ages 30 and up. We meet the fourth Mon. at Miss-Q's Neighborhood Bar, 560-B Amsterdam Ave., Midtown. Ongoing. 6:30-9:30 p.m. $10-$15. 404-872-5325.

GAY SQUARE DANCE CLUB Gathering of GLBT square dancers and their friends. No experience necessary. Meets second and fourth Tues. of the month. Ongoing. 7:30-9:30 p.m. 404-822-6785.

GAY/LESBIAN/BI CREATIVE WRITING GROUP Forming creative writing group in the Atlanta area. Experienced and beginning writers welcomed. Supportive environment, fun events, come share your work! Email: Morganna33@aol.com for info. Ongoing.

GLAAD The Atlanta Monitor and Response team, organized to monitor representations of the gay community, meets the 2nd and 4th Mon. at GLAAD's center at 17th and Peachtree. Ongoing. 404-876-1399

HRC/GEP SUMMER BARBECUE The purpose of the event is to activate the gay and lesbian community for the Nov. general election. Atlanta City Council Member Cathy Woolard and Decatur City Council Member Kecia Cunningham will attend. My

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Council Member Kecia Cunningham will attend. My Sister's Room in Decatur. Aug. 20. 4-7 p.m. $10. 404-872-3600.

JEWELS New organization for active bisexual women and lesbians 18+ years old. Must be physically, socially, and creatively active. Planning activities and functions, sports teams, movie clubs, sporting events, etc. Ongoing. 770-766-2793

LEGAL ADOPTION AND SECOND PARENT ISSUES The two-part series covers issues about legal adoption and more for gay and lesbian individuals. Charis Books, 1189 Euclid Ave. Aug. 17. 7:30 p.m. 404-524-0304.

LESBIANS OVER 30 SUPPORT GROUP Group forming for Lesbians of all colors over 30 to address various issues: relationships, family, sex issues, etc. 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month beginning in May. Peaceful environment led by experienced therapist, Call Imani. Decatur. Ongoing. 7-8:15 p.m. $9. 404-288-3619.

N85GLC North 85 Gay & Lesbian Connection: A social group for singles and couples in the North 85 Corridor (Gwinnett, N.Fulton, N.Dekalb). Please e-mail N85GLC@aol.com or visit http://hometown.aol.com/n85glc/N85GLC.htm. Ongoing.

NO MORE T.V. Tired of the same weekly night routine? Join other gay men and women for casual biweekly Tues. night dinners to discuss work, school, relationships, religion, travel and more. Ongoing. 770-212-9701

PARENTS OF GAYS AND LESBIANS rap group meets at Abundant Grace Community Church on the corner of Virgina Ave. and Ponce. 5:30 p.m. Dot, 770-923-5714

QUEER IMAGES Too femme? Too masc? Too gay? Too str8? Too transy? Too bi? Now forming a weekly radical workshop to examine the evolving meaning of *queer* and problems of labeling gender and sexual orientation. Ongoing. 404-525-4774.

SLIPPING AND SLIDING A six week group for gay men interested in meeting friends and discussing safer sex, relationships, intimacy, communicating and partying. AID Atlanta and Gay OUTreach. Groups always enrolling. toolbox@aidatlanta.org. Ongoing. 404-870-7763

SOO JUICY If you're a lady and interested in meeting other ladies, this is the party for you. Women will have the opportunity to network and socialize in an open, upscale and non-offending atmosphere. The Plush Lounge, 3025 Peachtree Road. Wednesdays. 9 p.m. $10. 404-266-1680.

STRAIGHT SPOUSE SUPPORT GROUP Gathering for those who are married or have been married to a gay partner. Kid's group convenes at the same time. Meets the third Sun. of each month at Cathedral of St. Philips, 2744 Peachtree, Rm. 301. Ongoing. 2:30 p.m. 770-649-6368.

TRANS-ACTION Georgia Gender Education & Advocacy's political and activist arm meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the Lambda Center. If you are interested in transgender issues visit www.pchdesigns.com/itga/index/htm. Ongoing. 7:30 p.m. 770-938-5536

TWENTY SOMETHING weekly support group for lesbian / bi women. Small on-going group meets in Decatur., Ongoing. 404-378-4167 x 4

WILDERNESS NETWORK OF GEORGIA A non-competitive outdoor sports group for gay men. Events around Atlanta, the Southeast, and beyond including potlucks, fellowship, all ability levels and interests. WNG Box 79131, Atlanta GA 30357. wildnetga@geocities.com Ongoing.

WOMEN'S GROUP The Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Center women's group will meet the first and third Tues. of each month. 828 W. Peachtree St. Ongoing. 7 p.m. 404-876-5372

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR NETWORK A recreational, social and leisure group for women. If you love the outdoors and would like to meet women with common interests, join us. Ongoing. 770-937-6770.

WOMYN OF WEST ATLANTA A social group for Lesbians in the West Atlanta area. For details, visit www.wowatlga.com Ongoing.

Health and fitness

ATLANTA INTERFAITH AIDS NETWORK is a non-denominational AIDS Service Organization located in midtown, operates programs to support people living with HIV disease. Common Ground is our daily activity and support program. Faithful Care is our care team support program. Ongoing. 404 874-8686

BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT/STEM CELL REPLACEMENT NETWORK Join the Wellness Community every second Wed. to gain new information about this viable form of cancer treatment. 5870 Peachtree Dunwoody Road. Ongoing. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 404-845-5640

CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER CLASSIC The tennis tournament takes place at Terrell Mill Tennis Center. Deadline is Aug. 18. Aug. 25-28. $14/singles, $18/team. 770-644-2771.

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT CLASSES The Diabetes Association of Atlanta offers the classes Tues. at the Gwinnett Christian Terrace, 414 Berkmar Way, Lilburn. For those who recently learned they have diabetes, never attended class, need an update or pregnant. RSVP by Aug. 18. Aug. 22. 1-4 p.m. 404-527-7150.

ENDOMETRIOSIS A free seminar on proven minimally invasive solutions. RSVP. Woodstock Specialty Clinic, 203 Woodpark Place, Suite A-100. Aug. 22. 7-8 p.m. 770-926-7324.

FIBROMYALGIA SEMINAR Free seminar offered at the Douglas County Library, Selman Dr. off Rose Ave. Aug. 22. 7 p.m. 770-942-2545.

FOR MEN ONLY Would you like to learn how genetics relates to high blood pressure? Emory Univ. Hypertension Research Center seeking men ages 20-59 with high blood pressure for an 8 wk. study. Receive $250 for participation. Ongoing. 404-370-7344.

FREE HEALTH ASSESSMENT offered at the Preventive HealthCare Institute. Free massages and personal trainers on certain days. Ongoing. 770-797-2950

GEORGIA MUSIC FESTIVAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AS part of the Georgia Music Hall Of Fame Awards, the tournament will take place at The Legends, Chateau Elan Golf Club, Braselton. The event includes a putting contest, a shotgun start, lunch and awards presentation. Call to register. Aug. 22. 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 770-982-0660.

HEALTH FAIR "Check Up for Family Health," a free event for Soutwest Atlanta. Bring your family, friends and neighbors for free medical, vision and dental screenings, as well as seminars, food, music and more. Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church. Aug. 19. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 404-982-7536.

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR Come to the free annual event at the Georgia Perimeter College in Clarkston. Call for details or visit www.africancoalition.org. Aug. 19. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 770-621-7000.

KNEE ARTHRITIS A free seminar on the new Mini-Knee Replacement. Sponsored by Advanced Surgery Center of Georgia. Corporate Campus, 1140 Hammond Drive, Building F, Second Floor, Dunwoody. Aug. 24. 7-8 p.m. 770-395-7557.

MILLENNIUM HEALTH STUDY GROUP A resource study group created to help you master your health goals through education, networking and resources. Designed for those who seek optimal health but may have mild or serious health issues including fatigue and recurrent viruses. Call Donna. Ongoing. 770-444-9292.

NEUROLOGY RESEARCH AT EMORY Seeking children ages 7-17 with chronic tics or Tourette syndrome and ADHD. Children participate in multicenter clinical trial funded by Nat'l Institutes of Health. Family and school participation. Wesley Woods Health Center, 1841 Clifton Rd. Ongoing. 404 728-4952, J L Juncos

NSP HERBAL HOUR Meet new healthy people and learn how to heal diseases. Features herbal lectures, discussion and Q&A. Meets every Tues. in Alpharetta. Call Paulus to RSVP. Ongoing. 7:30-8:30 p.m. 770-664-5065.

POSTTRAUMATIC STRESS STUDY The VA Medial Center is conducting a study using virtual reality with Vietnam Veterans wit posttraumatic stress disorder. Ongoing. 404-321-6111 x 7082

STRESS MANAGEMENT Six week series for people serious about changing the way they deal with stress, offered at Kaiser Permanente Health Centers. Based on Jon Kabat-Zinn model. Through Aug. 31. 7-9 p.m. 404-843-9997.

TAE KWON DO GROUP Starting small group for informal Tae Kwon Do practice. Intermediate-beginner student seeks others for practice in traditional tae kwon do/ meditation for self-defense/health/fitness. Some tae kwon do experience necessary. Ongoing. 404-664-6732.

TENNIS ROUND ROBIN The tennis tournament takes place at Fair Oaks Tennis Center. A partner is not needed for this mixed doubles round robin social. All levels welcome. RSVP. Aug. 18. 6:30 p.m. $3 plus a can of balls. 770-528-8480.

WATER FITNESS PROGRAMS The Arthritis Foundation sponsors in- and outdoor classes for children with special needs and people with Arthritis, Diabetes and more. A physician's clearance form is required. Call for details. Ongoing. 770-460-1760.

WEIGHT UPON THE WORLD A ministry of Bethany Apostolic Faith Church is offering free guaranteed weight loss and nutrition program to individuals 20+ pound overweight. Church affiliation not required. Ongoing. 678-393-3620.

Lectures and seminars

ADOPTION INFORMATION SESSION Independent Adoption Center offers the session to help people learn more about building a family through open adoption. RSVP. 3774 Lavista Road, Suite 100, Tucker. Aug. 16. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. 404-321-6900.

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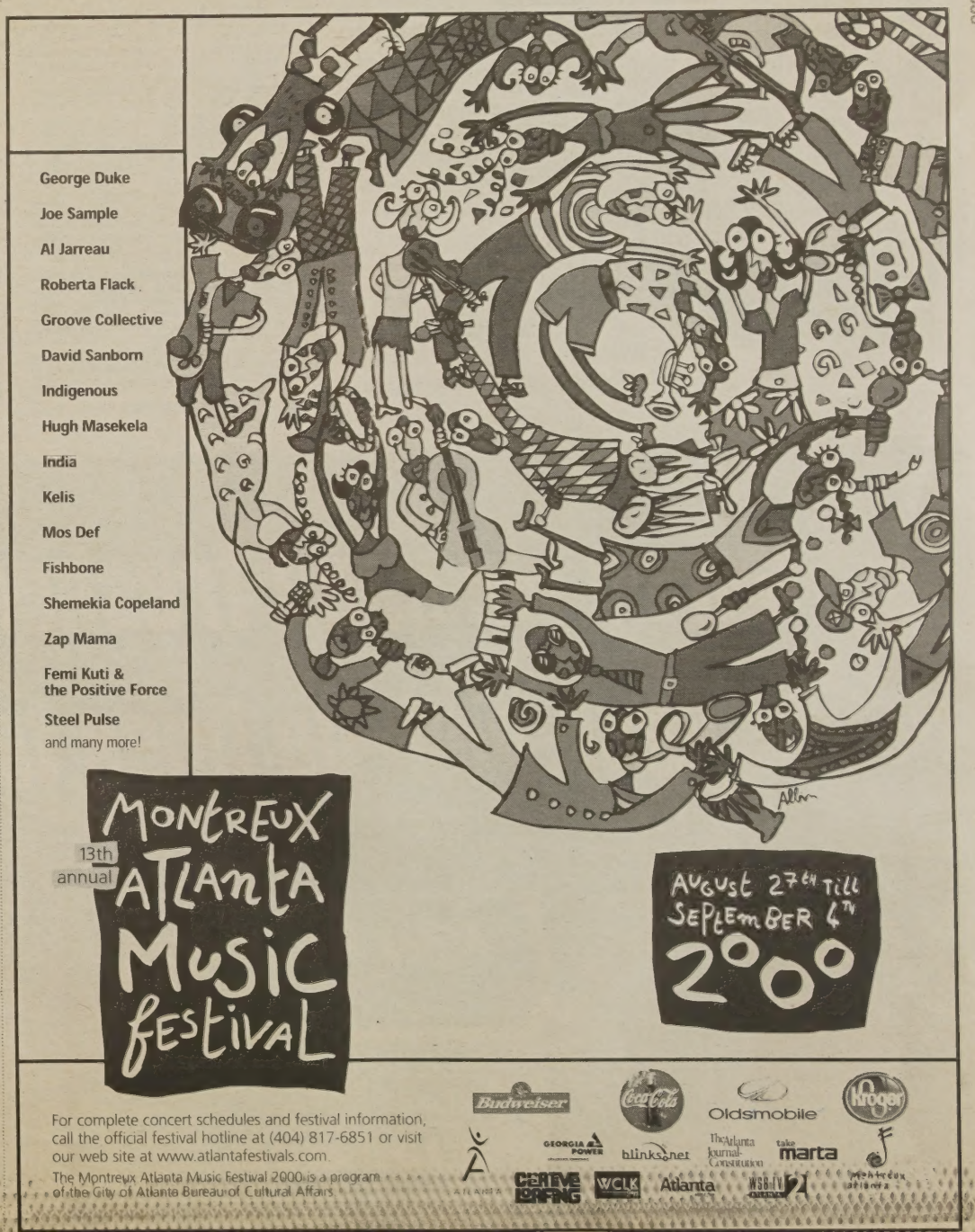

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DREAM-HOME BUYERS Learn how to purchase your home creatively with little to zero money down at a free home buyer seminar offered every Sat. at Equity One Mortgage, Roswell. Tips on finding your dream home, negotiating, loan programs and more. Ongoing. 11 a.m.. 770-998-9308.

EMOTIONAL HEALING WORKSHOP Dr. Jerry Epps lectures on the subject, providing a safe environment for emotional healing where blocks are recognized and dissolved. Unity North Atlanta Church. RSVP. Aug. 19. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. $65-$70. 678-819-9100.

FAMILY LEARNING SERIES is designed to provide practical information on issues related to mental health, addiction recovery, parenting and more. Ridgeview Conference Center, 3995 S. Cobb Drive, Smyrna. Thursdays. 7:30-8:30 p.m.. 770-434-4567

FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION INFORMATION Learn more about foster care and adoption and the preparation classes offered. Free. Thomas Livsey Conference Center, 478 Northdale Road, Suite 202, Lawrenceville. Aug. 22. 6:30-8 p.m. 770-995-2142.

GRAPHOLOGY SEMINAR Learn how to read personality from handwriting in this fascinating examination of the myths and science of graphology from a 25 year veteran of handwriting psychology. A book discussion group of a different kind! Ongoing. 7:20-9:20 p.m.. 770-416-1818

LIFE'S WORK SERIES FOR WOMEN Live the life you want by doing the work you love. Group for artists, entrepreneurs, homemakers or anyone interested in living their passion. Learn how to make a living doing what you love to do. Ongoing. 404-305-8642.

MAKING YOURSELF MARKETABLE: LEARNING THE ROPES Want to be in the entertainment industry? Learn financing, marketing, imaging, distributing, and business techniques. A must-attend workshop for that soon-to-be entertainment industry guru. Ongoing. 678-418-0499

NATIONAL TRIO DAY More than 1500 students will converge on the Morris Brown College campus for a celebration and march to the state capitol for a rally. Feb. 26. 11:30 a.m..

RAISING A HEALTHY DRUG-FREE FAMILY A special event to educate and empower parents in creating balance and maximum well-being for the entire family. Buckhead Public Library, 269 Buckhead Ave. Feb. 23, March 8, April 5. Feb. 6 p.m., March 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.. 404-231-1000 x209

SMALL BUSINESS VENTURE Service Corps of Retired Executives presents bankers and venture capitalists to lecture on finding money for small business ventures. 270 Peachtree St., Suite 140. Aug. 22. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. $30-$35. 404-529-9808.

THE ART OF BACKRUB Learn the fundamentals of massage from a practicing massage therapist in an afternoon seminar. Call Nathan for details. Aug. 19. 1-5 p.m. 770-921-9093.

THEATER OF DREAMS An 8 week exploration of psyche and soul through the enactment of dreams. This workshop treats dreams as the psyche's natural aesthetic practice and draws on the theories of Carl Jung and James Hillman. Call Rose. Ongoing. 404-929-9030.

Literature

A BLESSING OVER ASHES Author Adam Fifield will discuss and sign his book about a cross-cultural meeting between Middle America and Cambodia. Chapter 11 Books in Peachtree Battle. Aug. 17. 7 p.m. 404-237-7199.

AND THEY CALLED THEM GAMES: *AN INSIDE VIEW OF THE 1996 OLYMPICS.* Author C. Richard Yarbrough, former managing director of communications for the games' Atlanta committee, will discuss his book, an inside view of the Olympics. Chapter 11 Books at Peachtree Battle. Aug. 24. 7 p.m. 404-327-7199.

FAT CHAT WITH TAMARA: *HOW I LOST 100 POUNDS AND YOU CAN TOO.* Author Tamara Hill discusses and signs her new book. Barnes & Noble Perimeter, 120 Perimeter Center West. Aug. 17. 7 p.m. 770-396-1200.

FIND IT IN 5 SECONDS: *GAINING CONTROL IN THE INFORMATION AGE.* Author Greg Vetter will sign and discuss his new book about organizing the overwhelming flow of information. Barnes & Noble Perimeter, 120 Perimeter Center West. Aug. 22. 7 p.m. 770-396-1200.

HEARING A DIFFERENT DRUMMER: *A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR'S SEARCH FOR IDENTITY.* Author Benjamin Hirsch will discuss and sign his book at Chapter 11 Books in Briar Cliff Village. Aug. 16. 7 p.m. 770-414-9288.

HEY MOM! I'M BORED Authors Story Evans and Lise O'Haire will discuss their book at Chapter 11 Books in Snellville. Aug. 19. 2 p.m. 770-736-0502.

THE BALLAD OF LITTLE RIVER Author Paul Hemphill will discuss his book, a modern tale of a world of poverty and hopelessness that most don't realize still exists. Charis Books, 1189 Euclid Ave. Aug. 24. 7:30 p.m. 404-524-0304.

ATLANTA COMIC CONVENTION Guest for the show is Paul Jenkins, writer of *Spiderman* and *The Hulk*. Marriott Hotel-Gwinnett Place, 1775 Pleasant Hill Rd. Call for details. Aug. 20. 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

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LIGHTHOUSE WRITERS GROUP Ladies, looking for a writing group? The Lighthouse Writers Group would like you to join our circle of sisters. Meets monthly in Stone Mountain. Ongoing. 404-299-5138.

LITERARY ROUNDTABLE We will meet every third Tuesday. Call for more information. Ongoing. 7:30 p.m. 770-437-1913.

MURDER, INC BOOK CLUB This Murder, Mystery, and Mayhem Discussion Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of every month in the Borders Cafe. All mystery enthusiasts are invited to attend! Contact Margie for the book of the month. Ongoing. 7 p.m. 404 237-0707

PLAYWRIGHTS Flash/Light Theatre Company, a newly forming street theatre company, seeks 2-3 minute scripts that require no set (costumes/props ok) for guerilla-style performance in various locations throughout Atlanta. Ongoing. 404-507-3175

POETRY READING Everyone is invited to bring their poetry to read and share, or just listen. Chapter 11, Peachtree Battle. Third Wed. of every month. 7:30 p.m.. 404-237-7199

ROSALEE SIRGANY Signs and discusses her books, *The Dance of Inner Peace: A Journey into the Spiritual Realm* and *It Has Always Been Thus*. Phoenix & Dragon Bookstore, 5531 Roswell Rd. Aug. 22. 7 p.m.

SCRIPTS NEEDED Alpha Film Group seeks low-budget scripts, particularly thriller, suspense and action dramas. All scripts welcome. Call Nancy. Ongoing. 770-740-1962.

SECOND SATURDAY BOOK SALE Each month we open our warehouse to the public. Booksellers are: Back Pages, Books & Cases & Prints & c, Cherokee Publishing, Memorable Books, Old New York Book Shop. 764 Miami Circle, Suite 206. Ongoing. 12 Noon - 5:PM. Free. 404-231-9107

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SMYRNA BOOK DISCUSSION Meets the first Tues. of every month. We will discuss *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*
*on March 8; Quite a Year for Plum*son April 5; Turtle Moonon May 4. Smyrna Public Library, 100 Village Green Circle. Ongoing. 7:30 p.m.. 770-431-2860

SOUTHSIDE BOOK CLUB For African-American females interested in starting a book club for all genres of literature. College Park area. Please contact Yvonne. Ongoing. 770-994-3389.

THE JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY Join the Jane Austen Society on the 3rd Sunday of each month to discuss her life and her works. All persons are welcome to attend this entertaining discussion help upstairs in the Borders Buckhead Art Dept. Ongoing. 2 pm. 404-255-6916

VILLAGE WRITERS GROUP We meet the first Tuesday of every month (except July & August) at the Decatur Library. Those who are interested in writing please contact us! Ongoing. 7:30 pm. 404 262-1471

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB We meet to discuss important books addressing issues and concerns of today's women. You can join them for this engaging discussion on the 4th Thursday of the month in the Borders Children Dept. Ongoing. 7 p.m. 404 237-0707

New age

THE JOURNEY WITHIN A free showing of the film about awakening of the soul through meditation. Return to Eden, 2335 Cheshire Bridge Rd. Aug. 17. 6:30 p.m. 1-877-MEDITATE.

ALTERNATIVE HEALTH HOTLINE Offers information on Kinesiology (muscle testing) and its effectiveness in healing and information on supplements and their application. If you have health issues and want to discuss alternative healing modalities, call the hotline. Ongoing. 770-444-9302.

ASTROLOGICAL SIGN OF THE MONTH Come for a free reading if it's your sign month. Meets the first Mon. of each month. The Inner Space, 185 Allen Road. Ongoing. 7:30 p.m. 404-252-4540.

ATLANTA DRUID CIRCLE Meetings & Classes on Celtic Mythology, Gods, Goddesses and the magical practices of Northern Europe. Classes now forming. Call 770-509-5679 or email Johntoo@mindspring.com Ongoing.

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CONSCIOUS LOVING TOUCH THERAPY Learn techniques for self and partner rejuvenation. For singles and couples. Ongoing. 678-339-0021.

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD STUDY GROUP We will begin by studying, exploring and discussing the many life-changing concepts presented in the CWG trilogy. The first eight weeks will focus on volume 1. Bring your book and your questions to discuss. Meets Thurs. Aug. 3-Sept. 21. 7:30-9:30 p.m. 404-252-4540.

DISCOVER INNER PEACE A free program that includes instructions for the inner light and sound meditation. This process, which brings lasting inner peace, can be learned by anyone. Free movie on Aug. 17 as well. North DeKalb Cultural Center, 5339 Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd. Aug. 19. 7 p.m. 1-877-MEDITATE.

HEALING TOUCH THERAPY An effective energy-based therapy for physical and emotional healing. Based on researched Eastern medicines and Western science. Offered the first and third Sun. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta, 1911 Cliff Valley Way. Ongoing. 11 a.m.-1 p.m.. 404-257-1843.

MANIFESTING IT NOW! Learn techniques to manifest your dreams into reality. Free. The Inner Space, 185 Allen Road. Sundays. 11:30 a.m. 404-252-4540.

MEDITATION & SURVIVORSHIP The Wellness Community offers free classes that allow you to experience a natural, easy way to reach your inner source of strength and healing. 1776 Peachtree St., Suite L-1. Aug. 11 and 25. 10-11:30 a.m. 404-888-0050.

METAPHYSICAL GROUP Come meet your spiritual family for energy work and discussion every Monday. The free meetings focus on healing and self empowerment. Vegetarian potluck offered on the first Monday of each month. Ongoing. 404-250-7775.

METROPOLITAN ATLANTA ASTROLOGY ASSOCIATION (MAAS) Welcomes you to their meetings held on the third Wed. of every month with new and exciting lecturers! 2054 Harobi Drive, Northlake area. Ongoing. 7:30 p.m. 404-634-2677

NECTAR MONASTERY A Buddhist organization near exit 93 on I-85 provides free meditation, acupuncture and Tai-chi lessons. Call for more information. Sundays. 404-247-9350.

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PSYCHIC FAIR Free admission into the fair that takes place at The Inner Space, 185 Allen Road. Readings available for a fee. Call for details. Aug. 19-20. Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. noon-6 p.m. 404-252-4540.

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YOGA CLASS Free hatha yoga class on Tues. and Fri. in the second floor conference room of the Fulton County Library; main branch, Carnegie Way at Forsyth in the downtown area. Beginners welcome. Ongoing. 12:05-1 p.m.. 404-371-4552.

Religious

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BUDDHISM The Loseling Institute, North American Seat of Drepung Loseling Monastery under the auspices of the Dalia Lama and an affiliate of Emory, is offering Tibetan Buddhist teachings. 2531 Braircliff Road, Suite 101. Ongoing. Tues. 7:30-9 p.m.. 404-982-0051

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PRAY FOR AMERICA Six Flags and Baptist Youth Day presents the See You at the Pole Back to School rally. Come to Six Flags and join in on the singing, praise and prayer at various stages. Live music and more. Aug. 19. 3-9 p.m. Admission. 770-739-3427.

PRIME TIME A gathering of single adults from area churches for fellowship and to hear a variety of speakers and musicians. Meets the second Friday of every month. Loring Heights Center, 426 Deering Road in Midtown. Ongoing. 7:30-9:30 p.m. 404-876-7873.

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SHEMA YISRAEL is registering for its School of Jewish Living. The program is for parents and children 8-13. Also weekly classes for adults and teens. Ongoing. 404-943-1100

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IRON CHEF vs. BOB
THIS WEEK'S THEME INGREDIENT: LOW-QUALITY GROUND BEEF
WELL, THE IRON CHEF HAS HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM TODAY.
YES, I'M TOLD THAT BOB IS THE MASTER AT COOKING WITH GROUND BEEF.
OH, WE'RE STARTING
AH, LOOK! BOB IS BROWNING THE GROUND BEEF AND POURING IN HEINZ BAKED BEANS.
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BUT WAIT! WHAT'S BOB DOING?
BOB IS TOSSING IN GENERIC FROZEN MIXED VEGETABLES!
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WOW! LOOK AT BOB'S SIDE!
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IRON CHEF IS CHOPPING SCALLIONS NOW...
HOLD ON! THE CHALLENGER SAYS HE'S DONE!
FOR MAXIMUM EFFECT, WE'VE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO TASTE BOB'S CREATION STRAIGHT OUT OF THE PAN, STANDING OVER THE SINK, IN OUR UNDERWEAR.
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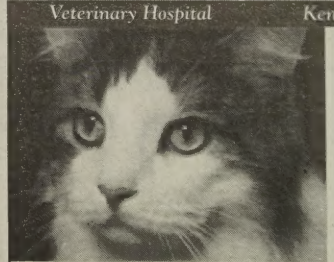

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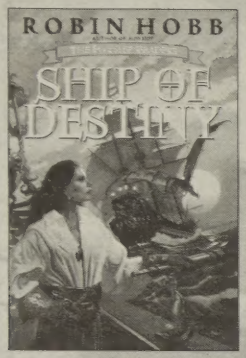

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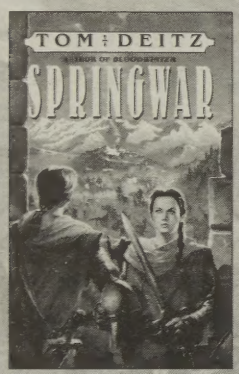

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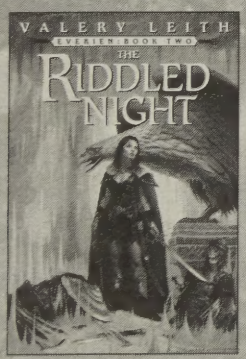

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SENIORNET LEARNING CENTER Senior Citizen Services' center provides adults 50 and older with a friendly, low pressure environment for learning how to use computers and the Internet. Call for details. Ongoing. 404-351-3889.

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BUCKHEAD MOVIE CLUB We are seeking quality, non-smoking singles who enjoy coffeehouses and movies. We meet the first and third Sat. of each month at Caribou Coffee at Peachtree and Piedmont. Ongoing. 6:15 p.m. 404-275-6320.

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SINGLE MINGLE OF ALPHARETTA Meets second Tues. at 29 South Main's Home Town Grill. The DJ plays our favorite tunes. Ongoing. 6-9 p.m. $15. 770-751-5954.

SINGLE MINGLE OF BUCKHEAD Meets on the second Wed. of each month at Copeland's Famous New Orleans Restaurant and Bar, Tower Walk on Piedmont. Soft music and Cajun cuisine. Ongoing. 6-9 p.m.. $15. 404-475-1000.

SINGLE MINGLE OF DULUTH Meets the first Tues. of each month at Bailey's Pub & Grille on Peachtree Industrial Blvd. Neighborhood setting offering ping pong and pool. Ongoing. 6-9 p.m. $15. 770-662-7670.

SINGLE MINGLE OF EAST ALPHARETTA Meets on the fourth Thurs. at Barney McColgan's Irish Public House. Offers Irish fare and drinking music. Ongoing. 6-9 p.m. $15. 770-752-0166.

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THE SINGLE GOURMET A dining-out club for singles ages 40-60 will introduce you to quality like-minded singles and fine dining. Dine, mix and mingle with Atlanta's classiest single population at weekly events. Call Terri Lee. Ongoing. 678-584-0223.

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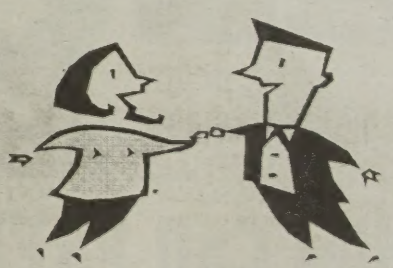

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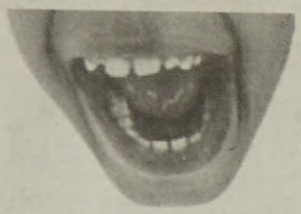

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LINGO POETRY COMPETITION AND SLAM Bubble City, Inc. presents a poetry competition and slam, kicking off Aug. 4. Professor Griff of Public Enemy will speak. Cash prizes of $25-$100. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Atlanta Youth Academy. Every Fri. at Fairlie Poplar Cafe & Grill. Ongoing. 8 p.m.-midnight. $8-$10. 404-724-9108.

LITERARY ASSOCIATES OF ATLANTA conducts weekly positive poetry reading at community libraries. These are friendly generative gatherings. West End Library, 525 Peeples St. Sept. 3. 12-2:30 p.m. 404-873-1179

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Support groups

ATLANTA ALTERNATIVE TO ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS A support group based on empowerment, not powerlessness. We focus on building positive character traits, accepting responsibility, using intuition to change and moving beyond addiction. St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 2566 Briarcliff Rd. Call Marianne. Every Tues. 7:30 p.m. $5. 404-724-9938.

ATLANTA LESBIAN CANCER INITIATIVE ALCI provides education, advocacy and support for lesbians with cancer and their partners. Meets weekly. Ongoing. 404-688-2524.

ATLANTA LESBIAN CANCER INITIATIVE BEREAVEMENT GROUP This group is for those who have lost a lesbian partner, friend, or family member to cancer. Meets on the second Mon. of each month at the ALCI Office, 1530 DeKalb Ave., Suite A. Ongoing. 7-8:30 p.m. 404-688-2524.

ATLANTA LESBIAN CANCER INITIATIVE CAREGIVERS GROUP This group is for those who are responsible for the care of a lesbian partner, friend or family member with cancer. Meets the second Tues. of each month at the ALCI Office, 1530 DeKalb Ave., Suite A. Ongoing. 7-8:30 p.m. 404-688-2524.

BOSOM BUDDIES An all volunteer network of breast cancer survivors who provides support to women with cancer. Monthly Meetings. Call for details. Ongoing. 770-455-7637.

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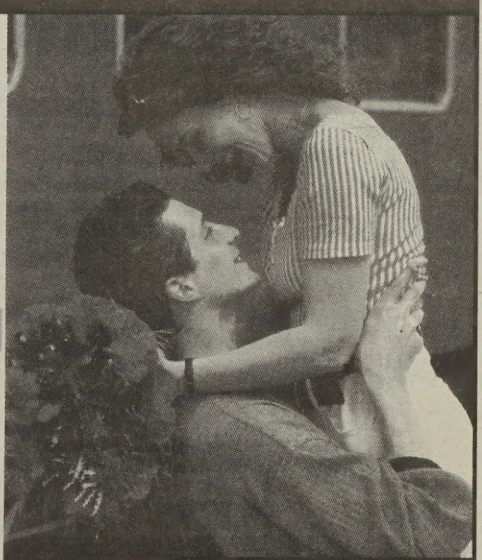

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CANCER SUPPORT GROUP For patients, families and friends who are learning to live with a diagnosis of cancer. Meets the first and third Wed. of the month at the Catholic Church of St. Ann, 4905 Roswell Road. Ongoing. 7:30-9 p.m. 770-552-6400 ext 6020.

CANCER SURVIVORS Support group for cancer survivors. Meets the first and third Wed. at Jewish Family & Career Services, 4549 Chamblee Dunwoody Road. Call Ellen. Ongoing. 2-3:30 p.m. 770-677-9315.

CAPS Children of Aging Parents support group for caregivers of loved ones. Meets on the third Tues. of each month at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Roswell. Contact Joe & Kathy Orlando. Ongoing. 7:30 p.m. 770-992-8973.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP For those caring for elderly, chronically ill or disabled persons. Meets the second Sat. of the month at the Catholic Church of St. Ann, 4905 Roswell Road. Ongoing. 9:30 a.m. 770-552-6400 ext 6020.

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ANN SUPPORT GROUPS Offering support groups for families dealing with cancer, divorce, grief and caring for the elderly. Call for details. 4905 Roswell Road. Ongoing. 770-552-6400

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DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP Provides emotional support to individuals in our community in crisis due to either divorce or separation. Meets Tues. in Room 30 of the Catholic Church of St. Ann, 4905 Roswell Road. Ongoing. 8 p.m. 770-552-6400 ext 6020.

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS A 12-step self-help program for those seeking insight and practical tools to cope with emotional problems. Ongoing. 770-925-4825.

FMS/CFIDS SUPPORT GROUP We meet on the fourth Thurs. of every month at Disability Link in Decatur. For details, visit http://fcrg.bizhosting.com. Ongoing. 6 p.m.

FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY ANONYMOUS A 12 step program for individuals recovering from addictive eating. Meets every Tues at 4279 Memorial Drive, Suite D. Call Adrienne. Ongoing. 7-8:30 p.m. 404-244-1365.

GESTALT THERAPY GROUP This is a powerful, deep and gentle method that enables people to learn how to re-work critical scenes and crucial decisions. Unlock your ability to risk freely and learn to go after what you truly want. Meets Tues. at the Gestalt Institute of Atlanta. Ongoing. 7:30 p.m. 404-841-0203.

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HOME BUT NOT ALONE If you live with HIV/AIDS and need affordable rent, homesharing is for you! Homesharers and tenants, call the experts. We get the job done. Call David. Ongoing. 770-395-2546.

HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS The support group offers new information on the treatment of genital warts and cervical dysplasia. Call for details. Ongoing. 770-444-9302.

INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE The Georgia Chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation offers the support group for those who suffer from IBD, their families and friends. Meets the fourth Wed. at Northside Hospital. Ongoing. 404-982-0616.

INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIP THERAPY GROUP For adult men and women. Emory University. Sliding fee scale. Ongoing. 404-727-7451.

LET'S TALK SISTER TO SISTER Woman's personal growth group...body, mind and spirit connection. Come join a wonderful network of women that can identify with life transitions. Meets weekly. Contact Aabacus Counseling and Resource Center. Ongoing. 6-8 p.m. 404-767-2992

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OSTOMY ASSOCIATION, UNITED A support group for all persons with bowel and bladder, diversions and their and their families. Meets the 2nd Tue. of each month, at the Central Congregational Church, 2676 Clairmont Rd. NE, Decatur. Ongoing. 7:30pm, 2nd Tue. of each month. (770)-593-5808

PEOPLE OF COLOR-ATLANTA A social group for those 1 out of 5 whose lives have been affected by the introduction of Herpes. We will host events in various locations in the city. We target African Americans, but everyone is welcome to attend. Ongoing. 404-247-9784

PREGNANCY GROUP Spiritual empowerment groups for African-American women who are pregnant. Groups in Decatur, Riverdale and East Point. Ongoing. 404-412-0592.

RIDGEVIEW INSTITUTE Ongoing support groups including Cocaine Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous, Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous and more offered. Call for details. 3995 S. Cobb Drive. Ongoing. 770-434-4568.

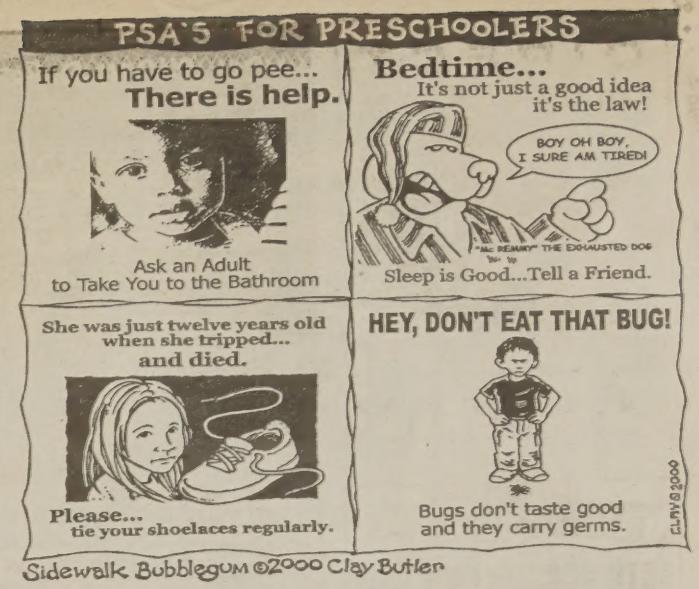
SEX & RELATIONSHIP ADDICTION RECOVERY For information on our 12 Step meetings, contact the Atlanta Area Service Group Helpline. Ongoing. 404-239-8048.

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS OF CANCER PATIENTS Ongoing support for those with significant others who are cancer patients. Meets the second and fourth Wed. at Jewish Family & Career Services, 4549 Chamblee Dunwoody Road. Call Ellen. Ongoing. 2-3:30 p.m. 770-677-9315.

SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM We need African-American women to train as volunteers for our spiritual empowerment and health education program. Avariety of positions are offered. Ongoing. 404-572-9603.

SUPPORT LINE A spiritual and emotional support line for women who just want someone to listen. Ongoing. 404-630-5252.

T.O.P.S.-TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY Weight Loss Support Group. Meets Monday nights, St. Timothy Methodist Church on Memorial Drive in Stone Mountain. Weigh-in from 6-7 p.m. Meeting from 7-8 p.m. Call Laura. Ongoing. 6-8 p.m.. non-profit, $20 yearly dues. 404-651-3713.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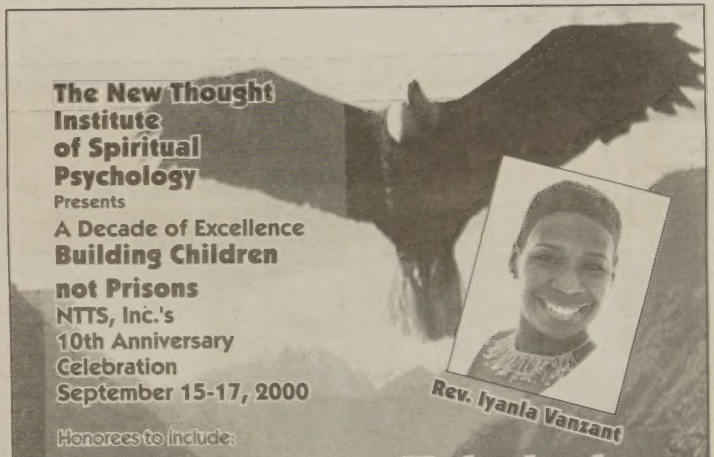

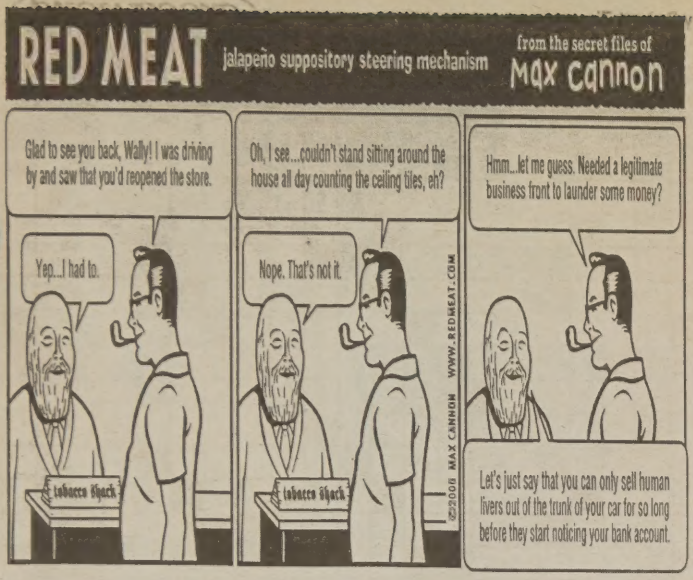
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YOUNG PEOPLE'S AA GROUP A 12-step group for teens and young adults who are trying to live sober lives. Meets at Roswell Methodist Church Counseling Center, 814 Mimosa Blvd. Roswell. Ongoing. Thurs. 7-8 p.m. 770-643-1211.

Volunteers

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HEALING SOUNDS Northside Hospital seeks volunteer musicians to perform live, soothing music in the lobby, cafeteria, waiting rooms and more for patients and visitors. Send demo tapes to Marianne Askew, Northside Hospital, 1000 Johnson Ferry Rd., Atlanta, 30342-1611. Ongoing. 404-303-3731.

AID ATLANTA needs volunteers to help provide support for people living with HIV/AIDS and help educate the public about HIV/AIDS. AIDS 101 volunteer training is held every other month and is open to the public. ongoing. (404) 872-0600 x. 280

AIDS RESEARCH CONSORTIUM OF ATLANTA seeks volunteers to participate in a worldwide AIDS vaccine study. Participants must be HIV negative and at risk of contracting HIV. Ongoing. 404-876-2317 x 333

AIDS WALK ATLANTA 2000 Needs energetic and outgoing volunteers for the phonebank, general office support, community outreach and at the event on Oct. 15. 1627 Peachtree St., Suite 110. Call Billy for details. Ongoing. 404-876-9255.

ALCOVY RIVER BIRD COUNT The Georgia Wildlife Federation seeks volunteers to help each Tues. in its migratory bird count at its Alcovy site in Newton County. Call for more information. Ongoing. 770-787-7887.

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ANOTHER WAY OUT MENTORING PROGRAM Now accepting applications for a self-training program for mentors. AWO provides opportunities for African-American male and female youth ages 8-18 to broaden their perceptions. Wood & Tompkins Cores, 1180 Utoy Springs Rd. Ongoing. 404-349-4712.

ATLANTA COMMUNITY TOOLBANK Seeks volunteers to serve as project leaders or work in the tool maintenance crew, monthly warehouse cleanup or home repair crew. Toolbank supports Atlanta's neighborhoods in their efforts to rebuild and revitalize by gathering and sharing resources. Ongoing. 404-880-0054.

ATLANTA HARM REDUCTION CENTER A grassroots street outreach program seeks volunteers for training. Our focus is to stop the spread of HIV by providing information, condoms, referrals and more to the people who are underserved in our communities. 1020 DeKalb Ave., Suite 17. Ongoing. 404-526-9222.

ATLANTA INTERFAITH AIDS NETWORK is in need of volunteers to become members of Faithful Care, a care team support system, and to assist with common ground, a day activity program. Atlanta Interfaith AIDS Network is non-denominational, non-profit AIDS Service organization. Ongoing. (404)-874-8686

ATLANTA MEDICAL CENTER Seeks hospital volunteers to provide extraordinary services to patients. A variety of opportunities available. Benefits include free meals and parking, fitness center discounts and recommendations for education/employment. Call Michele. Ongoing. 404-265-4720.

ATLANTA UNION MISSION is in need of volunteers. Contact Matthew Fisher. Ongoing. 404-350-9691 ext. 222

AVON BREAST CANCER 3-DAY Volunteers needed for Sandy Springs office, special activities and ceremonies for 3-day sixty mile walk from Lake Lanier to Atlanta to benefit breast cancer education, early detection and research. Contact Diane Rothe. ongoing. 404-257-5553 x18

BLOOD DRIVE Donors receive a recognition T-shirt and a cholesterol screening. Meet Moby from Kicks 101.5 FM and enjoy Cumberland's performance. Must be at least age 17, weigh 103 lbs or more and have I.D. Mall of Georgia. Aug. 19. 1-3 p.m. 404-329-1994.

BUSINESS FOR RUSSIA A program that welcomes nine Russian business leaders Sept. 27- Nov. 2 to the state seeks businesses to offer a 15-day internship and local families to offer their homes for a two-four week stay. Contact Igor for details. Ongoing. 404-832-5560.

BUSINESS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE ARTS Volunteers needed. Ongoing. 404-586-8531.

CAMP VOLUNTEERS WANTED Dunwoody Nature Center needs teenagers ages 13-17 to volunteer as junior counselors. Earn community service credits while gaining experience working with children. Ongoing. 770-394-3322.

CHILDREN'S RESTORATION NETWORK Seeks volunteers to help sort school supplies and stuff bookbags or serve lunch, mingle with children and clean up for our Back 2 School Readiness Program and Bookbag Drive. Call Cliff. Aug. 18-20. 770-649-7117.

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CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION The Georgia Chapter seeks volunteers for general office administrative work and/or work at special events throughout the year. N. Druid Hills Road. Contact Marie. Ongoing. 404-982-0616.

ESL TUTOR TRAINING Literacy Volunteers of America offers training for one-on-one tutoring in English as a Second Language. Volunteers aren't required to have teaching experience. Toco Hills-Avis G. Williams Library, 1282 McConnell Dr., Decatur. Aug. 17-31. 6-9 p.m. 404-239-9104.

EURAUPAIR PROGRAM is currently seeking community volunteers who can help provide guidance for au pair exchange visitors. Ongoing. 800-618-2002

FAMILIES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS NEEDED The American Intercultural Student Exchange seeks local host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 2000/01 school year. Families provide a place to sleep, meals and a family atmosphere. Ongoing. 800-742-5464

FERNBANK MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY Offers a variety of volunteer experiences to complement your interests and schedule. Travel back in time to ancient Egypt, or enliven your fives senses as an exhibition interpreter. Call for details. Ongoing. 404-929-6360.

FOOD NOT BOMBS A group that serves food to Atlanta's homeless in public parks and shelters every Sat. since 1994, volunteers always needed. Ongoing. (404)-622-5859

GOOD SHEPHERD SERVICES Seeks volunteers for after-school program in Chamblee for immigrant children. Activities include helping with homework, leading recreation, driving vans and talking about their profession or community involvement. Ongoing. 770-455-1230.

HABITAT ATLANTA URBAN SUPPORT Support and promote Atlanta Habitat for Humanity. Participate hands-on in various events such as house builds, homeowner workshops, fundraising, and membership drives. First Tues. of the month. Manuals Tavern. Ongoing. 7 p.m. 404-223-5180 ext. 24

HIMALAYAN SPIRIT EXPEDITIONS invites the participation of physicians, dentists, nurses, other health care professionals and volunteers for its upcoming 2000 medical missions to Nepal and Indian Himalayas. Ongoing. 888-278-8735

HOST FAMILIES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS Pacific Intercultural Exchange seeks families for exchange students, who are ages 15-18, English-speaking and carry their own health insurance and spending money. Call for more information. Ongoing. 800-631-1818.

HOTLINE VOLUNTEERS The Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program of the Cobb YWCA seeks empathetic women with good communication skills to help women in crisis who call the 24-hour hotline. Ongoing. 770-427-2902.

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE Seeks people to help newly arrived refugees adjust to life in the country. Training provided. Contact Ann. Ongoing. 404-292-9608.

LIFELINK SEEKS VOLUNTEERS Activities include assisting with educational programs pertaining to organ and tissue donation and transplantation, public speaking, staffing information tables, presentations to medical staffs and more. Volunteers will be trained. Call Jeff. Ongoing. 800-544-6667.

LITERACY AND ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE The Atlanta Fulton Public Library System seeks volunteers to teach these subjects and share the gift of reading. Training will be provided. Call for more information. Ongoing. 404-730-1963.

ODYSSEY HOSPICE Touch the life of the terminally ill by sharing your time and talents. Volunteers needed for friendly visits, reading, cards, calls or administrative assistance. Work in homes, nursing homes or an in-patient unit. Call Sharon. Ongoing. 678-494-6444.

ORCHESTRA ATLANTA North Fulton's premier symphony is forming a guild in support of the orchestra. Volunteers are needed to usher, help with concessions and an upcoming ball. No musical skills needed. Ongoing. 770-992-2559

PAL PROGRAM People of Loving is a big brother/sister program for Jewish children ages 6-15 in single-parent homes. We need loving Jewish adults to share a one-on-one relationship with a child. Jewish Family & Career Services, 4549 Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd. Ongoing. 770-677-9300.

PAX PROGRAM OF ACADEMIC EXCHANGE Seeks host families for foreign exchange high school students. Students have their own spending money and insurance, but families must provide a bed, a quiet place to study and meals taken at home. Call for details. Ongoing. 770-994-1977.

PROJECT READ Seeks volunteers for the illiteracy program. Positions include administrative aide, computer literacy, local literacy recruiter, publicity assistant, Special events and student sponsors, tutors and more. Call for details. Ongoing. 404-522-READ.

SALVATION ARMY PEACHCREST BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB DECATUR Looking for people able to volunteer for a few hours a week to make a genuine difference in the lives of children. Call Keith Spillett. Ongoing. 404-284-9671.

SAMARITAN HOUSE Provides support services to homeless men and women who are seeking full-time permanent employment. Volunteers needed. Ongoing. 404-601-1500

THE DOLPHIN PROJECT OF GEORGIA Needs boat owners, photographers and other volunteers to help conduct surveys on the Atlantic Bottlenose dolphin along the coast of Ga. Must be at least 18. Call for details. Ongoing. 404-254-3047.

TOUR GUIDES AND HOSTS For middle age African-American Atlanta visitors, models, celebrities, bands, politicians. rsw5184139@aol.com. Ongoing.

TRAVELERS AID OF METRO ATLANTA needs volunteers to assist travelers in the Travelers Aid Booth at Hartsfield or to stock food in the food pantry. Ongoing. 404-817-7070

UNITED STUDIES STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM United Studies Student Exchange provides the opportunity for American families to get to know someone from another country while the student attends high school in the U.S. Ongoing. 770-994-1977.

VISITING NURSE ALZHEIMER'S RESPITE CARE PROGRAM is seeking volunteers to assist Alzheimer's family members through out Metro Atlanta, or visit Adult Day Clubs in Buford or Fayetteville. Share a skill, a game, music, fix a meal, make home repairs, run errands or join the speaker's bureau. Ongoing. 404-869-3070

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED Can you drive as little as 4 times a year of as much as weekly? We need you to take senior adults to their medical appointments. Help to keep them independent and healthy. Contact Connie Giniger. You can make a difference! Ongoing. 404 888-6414

VOLUNTEER IN MEXICO AND AFRICA Visions in Action offer one year placements in human rights, journalism, health, environment, social work and community development. Ongoing. 202-625-7403.

VOLUNTEER USHERS Become a valued part of the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts. Join our Volunteer Usher program. Ongoing. 404-651-0967

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED For public sex environment research. AID Atlanta Gay Outreach Program. Ongoing. 404-885-6800 x 278

WASTE NOT GEORGIA Georgians discard 2.5 billion beverage containers in landfills every year! Want to help clean up Georgia and create jobs at the same time? Join the grassroots campaign in support of a container deposit law for Georgia. Volunteers are needed. Ongoing. 770-427-1224

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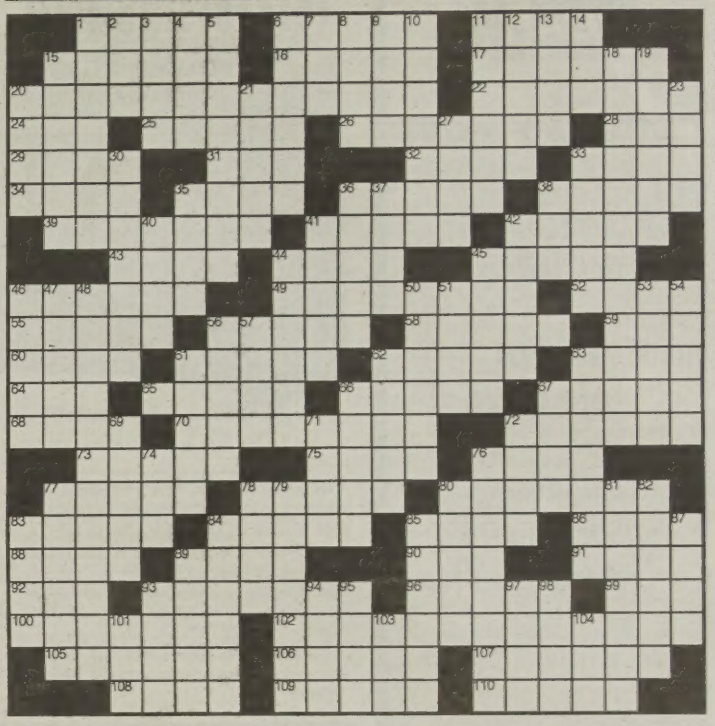

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A Taste of Tenderloin

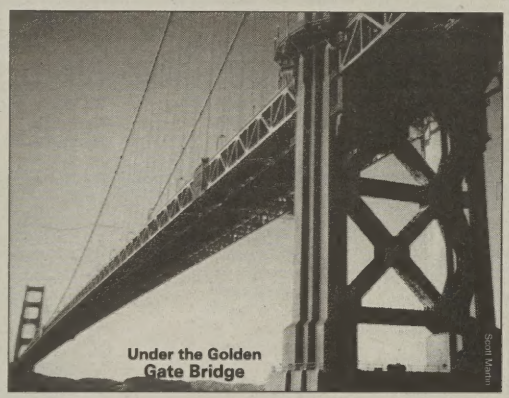
Devouring the cheap and seedy in San Fran

Scott Martin

BY LAUREN KEATING

For Atlantans, here's the single best reason to visit San Francisco in mid-summer: You *need* to take a leather jacket.

Summer is actually one of the coldest times of the year in the City by the Bay, and donning a leather jacket is the best bet to shelter the bod from the bay-blowin' winds. It's also pure joy for a Southerner who's been suffering through the sweltering, smog-addled heat of Atlanta.


Under the Golden Gate Bridge
Scott Martin

San Francisco is known for its high-end shopping, world-class restaurants and jet-setter nightclubs — in other words, it's a great place to spend wads of money. Alas, this trip was all about thrift. Scott, Adam and I were all thoroughly broke and, as a result, we saw plenty of SF's seedy side. But because we knew some folks in the film industry, we also lucked into some fabulously posh parties.

If you're tight on cash, head for the Phoenix (601 Eddy St., $135 per night), a lively motel featuring rooms with bamboo furniture and artwork by local artists (lots of touring rock bands stay here). Plus there's a bar attached to the Phoenix — a Jetsons-style, futuristic bar with DJs and dancing.

But even the Phoenix was full by the time we got there, so we headed to the nearby Red Coach Motor Lodge (700 Eddy St., $139 per night for a double-occupancy room), a tidy, nondescript place. Now, be forewarned: Both the Phoenix and the Red Coach are located in the Tenderloin district, an area that ranges from funky-cool to downright dangerous. I felt safe because the Red Coach is heavy on security; you can't enter the hotel without being buzzed in by the front desk attendant. Although the Tenderloin is a colorful section of town, it's not the place to stay if you are trying to impress your in-laws.

After we checked in, the first order of business was food. Adam, a former SanFran resident, took us to Thai Stick (698 Post St.), a quiet spot filled with golden tapestries and Thai statues. This place actually has a noodle dish called "beef and beef balls." I didn't ask. Instead I ordered Seafood Prigking (green beans, calamari and shrimp) and a Singha beer (total $10). I ordered mine "medium spicy" and that was about right for me. Scott ordered the same dish, but "spicy." After gulping two glasses of water, he confirmed that "it kicks your ass."

After lunch, we wandered around Union Square. Soon the effects of midday drinking set in and I found myself at a mega Hello Kitty store. I attest to the fact that I spent 30 minutes in the Hello Kitty store (two floors of cartoon crap!) on Geary Street and contemplated buying a cell-phone case with ChocoCat on it. Sanity set in (or maybe the beer wore off), and I put the ChocoCat down. I decided it was time to head back to the hotel for a power nap.

After napping, we headed to a nightclub called Tongue and Groove in Russian Hill (2513 Van Ness Ave.). It's an intimate spot with an upstairs lounge where non-dancers can recline on leopard-patterned couches, and there's a small dance floor for those who want to get down.

Once there, we were overjoyed to discover that we had lucked into an open-bar party. Although my wallet was pleased about the free drink scenario, I knew that an open bar could lead to two potential outcomes: 1.) My boyfriend, Scott, would get drunk enough to actually dance with me (this only happens after liver-damaging amounts of alcohol are consumed). 2.) My boyfriend, Scott, would wind up completely plastered, growling to himself in a corner, and we'd all mock his drunken ass as he fell to the floor. But Scott was a good boy and remained upright the entire evening. No dancing, but no falling down, either.

Anyone wearing a pink tube top, a matching thong and four-inch stilettos in 50-degree weather ain't just asking for spare change.

When we got back to the hotel, we wandered out onto the balcony and watched the cluster of working girls hustle customers on the corner. How did we know they were hookers? Well, anyone wearing a pink tube top, a matching thong and four-inch stilettos in 50-degree weather ain't just asking for spare change.

The next day we toured the Tenderloin, absorbing more of the bizarre seediness. We cruised past porn stores offering salacious DVDs. We passed a store that had a handwritten sign in the front window: "Got Poppers?" Moving on, we passed another working girl walking out of a massage parlor. She was dressed in a black string bikini and a fur coat. "How does she afford a fur coat?" I wondered. "Business must be good."

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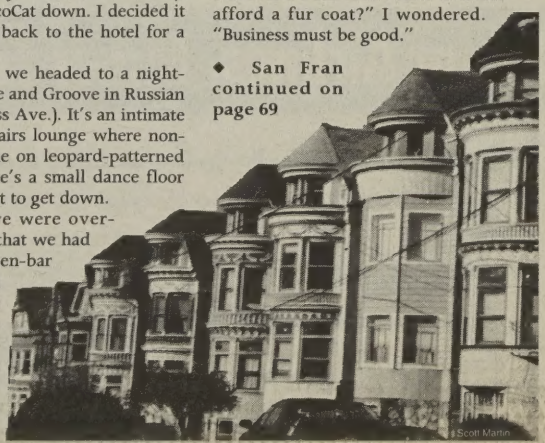
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Later that night, we went to a party at Bimbo's 365 Club (1025 Columbus Ave., in North Beach). Now when I first heard the name of the club we were headed to, I pictured tramps o'plenty grinding to tacky disco tunes. After all, Bimbo's 365 Club sounds like a trashy nightclub, right?

Wrong. Bimbo's is one of SF's classiest nightspots. With red velvet draperies, long oak bars and servers in formal suits, Bimbo's evokes an elegant '40s vibe that makes you feel like Frank Sinatra should be on stage. Even better, we discovered we were at yet another open-bar party. Martinis for one and all, damn the cost.

But this time, Scott succumbed to open-bar temptation. His head bobbed up and down when he talked. He looked just like the Muppet "Beaker," the goofball scientist that communicates by emitting squeaks that make no sense.

After the party, we wandered out onto Columbus Avenue to catch a cab. My friend Tracey stepped into the street and waved her arms frantically at passing cars. But passers-by thought Tracey was a hooker flagging down customers. They stopped to ask her about prices. "Damn, I thought I looked really nice tonight," she mumbled.

I was concentrating on getting a cab, and thus had taken my eye off Scott. He and Adam had struck up a conversation with a homeless guy. In a drunken stupor, Scott decided to give the bum a $20 bill. Our friend Danny, who was equally plastered, then opened his wallet and handed the bum another $20. Was this male competition at its finest? Adam then sheepishly handed the bum a $5 dollar bill. (It was all he had.)

Thus far, we had done well at keeping costs low. Now, this bum had gotten $45 from us in less than two minutes. This was an open-bar danger I had failed to anticipate. Fortunately, I had enough money in my purse to get us home.

The next day, we headed for the Thirsty Bear Brewing Co. (661 Howard St.) in the SOMA district, a gritty-yet-gentrified artists' neighborhood that's emerging near the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. The Bear is a pool hall/Spanish restaurant — a combo you will only find in California. It's a darn pretty pool hall, with exposed brick, chrome and modern art adorning its walls. I was less than impressed with the food (a tapas selection). But the home-brewed beer was a winner: Try the Valencia Wheat (a Belgian-style beer with coriander and orange peel) or the Brown Bear (a very dark ale). Both were $4 each.

On the way back to the hotel, Adam got separated from the group. As he walked down Polk Street, a woman in a fur coat approached him and pulled open her fur coat. She was totally naked. It wasn't the same girl we had seen by the massage parlor, but Adam was convinced that it was the same fur coat.

"I guess they have one fur coat and share," Adam said. "It's just like, spray down the inside of the coat with Lysol and give it to the next girl on duty."

See, we learned something during our drunken weekend: SanFran hookers share fur coats, and the price of an open-bar party is $45 — make payments out to the local bums. They'll be delighted you came. ◆

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Asheville, N.C.

BLUE SPIRAL 1 GALLERY *The Deconstruction of American Icons*, new drawings by King Thackston are on display. 38 Biltmore Ave. Through Sept. 9. Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. 828-251-0202.

BUCK-OS & LADY MISSES A musical presentation of stories about life in the Blue Ridge Mountains taken from writings by North Carolina's poet Laureate, Fred Chappell. The Folk Art Center, Milepost 382, Blue Ridge Parkway. Aug. 18-20. Fri.-Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m. $10. 828-298-7928.

RED HOT JUBILEE JAM An eclectic musical event featuring bluegrass, folk, country, pop, Broadway and more performances. Diana Wortham Theatre, 2 South Pack Square. Aug. 18-19. 8 p.m. $10-$15. 828-257-4530.

SHINDIG ON THE GREEN The free summer event features the celebration of traditional mountain dance, including circle mountain dance, clogging, bluegrass and old-time string bands. The event takes place each Sat. night at the City/County Plaza. Through Sept. 2. 800-280-0005.

SUMMER EVENINGS CONCERT SERIES The Glenn Miller Orchestra performs in concert for Biltmore Estate's annual series on Aug. 19. The series features country, jazz, swing, pop and folk music artists. One North Pack Square. Through Sept. 2. 8 p.m. $30. 800-323-6804.

Bryson City, N.C.

WHITEWATER RAFTING Nantahala Outdoor Center offers 6 choices for whitewater adventures including: a class II-III ride through Nantahala Gorge, jaunts down the French Broad River, as well as trips down the Ocoee and Chattooga Rivers. 13077 Hwy. 19. Ongoing. 828-488-2175.

Cherokee, N.C.

OCONALUFTEE INDIAN VILLAGE A full-size replica of an early 18th century Cherokee community with log cabins, native craftsmen making pottery and weaving baskets, a sweat house and Council House. Through Oct. 25. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 828-497-2315.

Dahlonega, Ga.

APPALACHIAN JAM Every Sat. afternoon through Aug., the Dahlonega Historic District presents an acoustic music festival featuring bands like the Georgia Potlickers. Musicians are invited to bring their own instruments to the town square and jam with the performers. Ongoing. 2 p.m. 706-864-3711.

Dawsonville, Ga.

KANGAROO CONSERVATION CENTER Come see our kangaroo collection. Eighty seven-acre wildlife preserve in the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Reservations required for 2-hour tour. Spring-Fall. $15-$20. 706-265-6100.

Ellijay, Ga.

APPALACHIAN SAMPLER FESTIVAL A sampling of Appalachian heritage featuring juried arts and crafts, antiques, food, mountain and gospel music, clogging and storytelling every third weekend through Sept. Plum Nelly Campground, Hwy. 515. Ongoing. Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. $2. 706-492-3819.

Helen, Ga.

CONCERT IN THE PARK Nelson Thomas will perform in concert at Unicoi State Park & Lodge. The event features live music, stories, dancing, comedy and more. Master's Hall 1 & 2 on Level 3 in Unicoi Lodge, Hwy. 356. Aug. 19. 8 p.m. 706-878-3983.

Hendersonville, N.C.

MUSIC ON MAIN STREET Enjoy a variety of musical entertainment, including jazz, oldies, blues, gospel and contemporary. Bring a chair and a picnic dinner. Held every Fri. on the lawn of the courthouse in downtown. Through Aug. 25. 7-9 p.m. 800-828-4244.

Hot Springs, N.C.

HUCK FINN ADVENTURES Offers mountain biking for half and full day rides for $25-$35. You can take 7-13 mile canoeing trips for $20-$35. Custom trips also available. The overnight river/camping trips come fully equipped, with food, camping gear and more. Ongoing. 828-622-9645.

Raleigh, N.C.

EXPLORIS MUSEUM *Far from Homeland: A Collection of Children's Art From Around the World*, a touring exhibition that features artwork by refugee children now on display. 201 East Hargett St. Through Oct. 1. Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. noon-5 p.m. $4.95-$6.95. 919-834-4040.

Stockbridge, Ga.

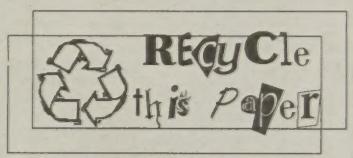
BEES AND BEEKEEPING Join P.N. Williams of the Tara Beekeepers Association as he presents the world of honeybees and explains a working beehive and more. RSVP. Panola Mountain State Park, 2600 Hwy, 155 S.W. Aug. 19. Noon. 770-389-7801.

Tallulah Falls, Ga.

KAYAKING COURSE Join us for a flat water begginers course in kayaking. Learn the basic techniques to this exciting sport. All gear provided. Open to those 16 or older. RSVP. Tallulah Gorge State Park. Aug. 19. 2-4:30 p.m. $10. 706-754-7981.

Townsend, Tenn.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST Performed outside under the shadows of the Smoky Mountains, the play covers the baptism of Jesus to His crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. The play features special effects and live animals. RSVP. Through Aug. 29. 7:45 p.m. $12.99-$17.99. 865-448-9080.



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Your Kind of Town

'Manhattan, AZ' borders on absurdity

BY KEVIN DOYLE

tv on the edge

"Manhattan, AZ" is USA Network's well-written "fantasy sitcom" with clever, absurdist touches and classic cop noir voice-over narration. Brian McNamara stars as Daniel Henderson, a veteran detective working the LAPD's elite vice unit. After a hard week of streetwalking as part of Operation Thong Sausage, Henderson enjoys watching football on TV. When his beautiful wife, Charlie, is not greeting him at the door with a smile, a meal and a tempting offer ("Hi honey! Do you want to have sex before or after your leg of lamb?"), she's off freeing dolphins from tuna nets as a Greenpeace volunteer.

But one day Henderson gets a phone call that changes his life. His voice-over explains: "I don't know if it was the Raiders losing, or having the woman I loved being chopped up and packed in spring water, but I finally snapped."

Henderson quits the force and takes a job as sheriff of Manhattan, Ariz., a small town run by mayor/businessman/ washed-up B-movie actor Jake Manhattan (Chad Everett). Jake promises a simple life of pastoral beauty, but when Henderson arrives with his surly teenage son Atticus Finch Henderson (Vincent Berry) in tow, they find Manhattan a dried up, desolate dust-bowl inhabited by dangerous animals and wacky humans, not the least of whom is Jake Manhattan himself. His savings gone, his illusions shattered, Henderson confronts Jake: "How do you sleep at night?" Jake answers matter-of-factly, "I eat a meal high in fat just before bedtime; the blood rushes to my stomach, and I pass out."

At first glance, Manhattan seems like a place where nothing much ever happens. Soon, however, there's trouble afoot. When the pets of local residents begin turning up with their right rear legs missing and the remaining stumps carefully bandaged, the locals suspect foul play over at Area 61, a nearby "secret" military installation. Henderson questions Area 61 perimeter guard Jane Pentowski (Kate Hodge) about the mysterious goings-on. Jane denies any knowledge of foul play, but makes no secret of her single and horny status.

Henderson eventually figures it all out, and he explains the missing-leg mystery to the relieved residents of Manhattan in a hilarious bit involving a one-eyed coyote and a hand-drawn storyboard. A subsequent episode features another bizarre mystery: senior citizens seemingly murdered by giant saguaro cacti.

Along with Henderson's blooming relationship with Jane, the slapstick plot devices provide ample opportunity for more funny interior monologue one-liners such as "She looked great; loose change started hopping around in my pocket," and "I don't know if it was the mutilated, rotting corpses or the thought of dating again, but my stomach was flipping more than Hillary Clinton's position on Israel."

McNamara is perfectly cast as the slightly off-balance but flexible Sheriff Henderson. As the eccentric Jake Manhattan, Chad Everett — who once starred as the seriously brow-furrowing Dr. Joe Gannon on the medical soap opera prototype series "Medical Center" — is clearly having the fun he missed back then.

"Manhattan, AZ" airs Sundays on the USA Network at 9:30 p.m., and is rebroadcast during the week. ◆

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18	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	WSB	Channel 2 Action News with Carol Sbarge and David Chandley ☐				Doug ∩ (El) ☐	Doug ∩ (El) ☐	Recess ∩ (El) ☐	Weekenders ☐	Action News	Baywatch Hawaii
19	4	4	4	6	5	6	5	WAGA	Wild America ☐	Mechanics for Kids	Pressure 1 (El)	Pressure 2 (El)	Wild America ☐	Tech Sports	WCW World Wide Wrestling		NFL Preseason Football	
20	8	11	8	8	8	17	8	WGTV	Arthur ☐ (DVS)	Dragon Tales ☐	Hearts of Glass				Suze Orman: The Courage to Be Rich ∩ ☐			
21	12	7	6	12	11	12	11	WXIA	Today Performance from the cast of "Aida"; teen trends for the fall. (N) ∩ ☐				Saved by Bell	Hang Time ☐	City Guys ☐	One World ☐	City Guys ☐	NBA Inside Stuff
2	5	18	13	20	12	16	14	WPXA	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	AVS Productions		Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program
17	7	12	7	4	7	4	17	WTBS	Feed Your Mind	Interact.atlanta	Family Matters ☐	Family Matters ☐	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		WCW Saturday Morning ☐		★★½ "Back to the Future" (1985)	
22	13	8	5	10	13	10	30	WPBA	Victory Garden	This Old House	MotorWeek (N) ☐	World of Wildlife	Pets: Family	Southern Gardener	Nature "Orangutans: Just Hangin' On"		Trans-Siberian Rail Journeys ☐	
23	6	9	9	9	3	11	36	WATL	Men in Black	Batman Beyond	Pokemon ☐	Cardcaptors ☐	Pokemon ☐	Men in Black	Batman Beyond	Max Steel ☐	Soul Train ∩	
24	9	10	10	13	4	13	46	WGNX	Rescue Heroes (El)	Flying Rhino	Saturday Early Show (N) ☐				Cryptkeeper	Mythic Warrior	Paid Program	Figure Skating
16	10	5	11	11	6	18	69	WUPA	Creflo A. Dollar Jr.	Focus Atlanta	Science Guy	Voltron: Third	Lost World "The Chosen One" ∩ ☐		★★★ "Curly Sue" (1991, Comedy) James Belushi, Alisan Porter, Kelly Lynch.			
26	27	6	25	14	9	23		WGN	U.S. Farm Report	Business Rpt.	Video Computer Store		Slimdown Express	Dermal Tone 2000	Fit AB	Outdoor Secret	Soul Train ∩	
47	47	36	27	33	44	25		ESPN	Adventures	Under Wild Skies	Big Game Fish	Cumberland Stories	Great Outdoors	Sportscenter			Auto Racing: NASCAR Grand National	
35	35	38	30	31	52	26		USA	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	WWF Live Wire ∩		Core Culture USA (N) ∩		Pacific Blue "Naked Truth" ∩ ☐	
37	37	25	35	36	57	28		A&E	(7:00) ★½ "Band of the Hand" (1986)		Grand Tour		America's Castles		House Beautiful "Mediterranean Living"		Travels With Harry	Travels With Harry
42	42	34	22	27	34	34		NICK	Rocket Power ∩	Rocket Power ∩	Rugrats ∩ ☐	Rugrats ∩ ☐	Spongebob Sq.	Spongebob Sq.	Catdog ∩	Catdog ∩	Angry Beavers ∩	Angry Beavers ∩
41	41	45	26	32	51	24		TNT	Due South "We Are the Eggmen" ☐		Wild, Wild West		Twilight Zone ☐	Golf PGA Championship -- Third Round. From Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. (Live) ∩ ☐				
46	46	46	28	42	37	29		AMC	(7:00) ★★½ "War of the Wildcats"		Three Stooges		Cinema Secrets	★★★ "Them!" (1954) James Amess, James Whitmore.			H'wood Fashn	In Harm's Way
34	34	27	31	25	41	31		CNN	Saturday Morning				Showbiz Week	Style	Travel Now	Page One ☐	CNN Saturday ☐	CNN.dot.com
32	32	26	★	24	47	32		CNBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Guthy-Renker.com

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18	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	WSB	Baywatch Hawaii	NFL Century: Passing the Torch ☐		X Games (Taped) ☐			Major League Soccer Los Angeles Galaxy at Chicago Fire. (Live) ☐			
19	4	4	4	6	5	6	5	WAGA	(12:00) NFL Preseason Football San Diego Chargers at Atlanta Falcons. (Taped)				Drew Carey ☐	Week-Baseball	Major League Baseball Atlanta Braves at San Francisco Giants. (Live) ∩ ☐			
20	8	11	8	8	8	17	8	WGTV	Suze Orman: The Courage to Be Rich ∩ ☐				How to Get What You Really, Really, Really, Really Want ∩				Improve Your Life-Wisdom of the Ages	
21	12	7	6	12	11	12	11	WXIA	Maximum Coverage	Castle Advertising	Tennis RCA Championships -- Semifinal. From Indianapolis. (Tape Delay) ∩ ☐				Swimming U.S. Olympic Trials. From Indianapolis. (Taped) ∩ ☐			
2	5	18	13	20	12	16	14	WPXA	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Bonanza "Hanging Posse"		Little Men "Quarantine" ☐	
17	7	12	7	4	7	4	17	WTBS	(12:00) ★★½ "Back to the Future" (1985, Fantasy)				★★★ "Steel Magnolias" (1989) Sally Field. Six iron-willed women gather at a Louisiana beauty parlor.				★★★ "As Good as It Gets" (1997)	
22	13	8	5	10	13	10	30	WPBA	Launching of the Kalmar Nyckel		Sewing With Nancy	Joy of Painting	Season by Season	Mollie Katzen	Julia & Jacques	Caprial-Friends	Victory Garden	Yankee Shop
23	6	9	9	9	3	11	36	WATL	Motown Live		★ "Maximum Force" (1992, Drama) Sam Jones, Sherrie Rose, Jason Lively.				★½ "C.I.A. Codename: Alexa" (1992, Drama) Lorenzo Lamas, O.J. Simpson.			
24	9	10	10	13	4	13	46	WGNX	Figure Skating	Golf PGA Championship -- Third Round. From Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. (Live) ☐								
16	10	5	11	11	6	18	69	WUPA	★½ "Trail of the Pink Panther" (1982, Comedy) Peter Sellers, David Niven.				★★ "City Heat" (1984, Comedy) Clint Eastwood, Burt Reynolds, Jane Alexander.				★★★ "A Pyromaniac's Love Story"	
26	27	6	25	14	9	23		WGN	★★½ "Baby, It's You" (1983) Rosanna Arquette, Vincent Spano, Joanna Merlin.				Xena: Warrior Princess "Little Problems"		Cleopatra 2525 ∩	Jack of All Trades	Beastmaster "A Simple Truth" ∩ ☐	
47	47	36	27	33	44	25		ESPN	Auto Racing: NASCAR Grand National		Pro Beach Hockey: Championship		Equestrian Grand Prix. (Taped)		Horse Racing Arlington Million. (Live)			Senior PGA Golf
35	35	38	30	31	52	26		USA	★★★ "Darkman" (1990, Suspense) Liam Neeson, Frances McDormand. ∩ ☐				"The Darkling" (2000, Horror) F. Murray Abraham, Aidan Gillen. ∩ ☐				Huntress "Scattered" ∩ ☐	
37	37	25	35	36	57	28		A&E	Unreal Story of Professional Wrestling				Investigative Reports ☐		American Justice ☐		City Confidential ☐	
42	42	34	22	27	34	34		NICK	Kablam! ∩	Kablam! ∩	Rocket Power ∩	Rocko's Life	Hey Arnold! ☐	Rugrats ∩ ☐	Rocko's Life	Angry Beavers ∩	Catdog ∩	Rocket Power ∩
41	41	45	26	32	51	24		TNT	★★★ "Wargames" (1983) Matthew Broderick. A teen-age computer whiz nearly begins World War III.						★★½ "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" (1982) Sean Penn, Phoebe Cates.			Secret-Success
46	46	46	28	42	37	29		AMC	(12:30) ★★★ "In Harm's Way" (1965, Drama) John Wayne, Kirk Douglas, Patricia Neal.						★★★½ "Norma Rae" (1979, Drama) Sally Field, Beau Bridges, Ron Leibman.			Backstory
34	34	27	31	25	41	31		CNN	CNN Saturday ☐	Science-Tech.	CNN Saturday ☐	Your Health	Moneyweek ☐	Movers ☐	CNN Saturday ☐	Your Money	CNN Saturday ☐	Evans, Novak
32	32	26	★	24	47	32		CNBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	CNET News.com		Ushuaia	

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18	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	WSB	Action News	ABC News	Entertainment Tonight (N) ∩		★★½ "The Pallbearer" (1996) David Schwimmer. ∩				Best Commercials-Never		Action News	Inside Edition	It's Showtime at the Apollo	
19	4	4	4	6	5	6	5	WAGA	Major League Baseball		3rd Rock-Sun	Drew Carey	Cops (N) ☐	Cops ☐	America's Most Wanted		FOX5 News		Mad TV ∩ ☐		Stargate SG-1 "Need" ☐	
20	8	11	8	8	8	17	8	WGTV	Improve Your Life		Favorites						Favorites				Red Dwarf ∩	Red Dwarf ∩
21	12	7	6	12	11	12	11	WXIA	News ☐	NBC News	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Gymnastics U.S. Olympic Trials. From Boston. ∩ ☐				Pretender ∩ ☐		News ☐	Saturday Night Live ∩ ☐		
2	5	18	13	20	12	16	14	WPXA	Eight Is Enough ∩		Flipper: New Adventures		Twenty One ∩ ☐		U.S. Olympic Trials (Taped)				Scarecrow and Mrs. King ∩		Paid Program	Paid Program
17	7	12	7	4	7	4	17	WTBS	(5:05) ★★★ "As Good as It Gets" (1997) Helen Hunt				★★★½ "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman.						★★★ "Thunderheart" (1992) Val Kilmer, Sam Shepard.			
22	13	8	5	10	13	10	30	WPBA	This Old Hse.	Hometime	Europe	Trailside	Antiques Roadshow ☐		Trans-Siberian Rail Journeys		Great Upset of '48 ☐		Ballykissangel		Sessions at West 54th ∩	
23	6	9	9	9	3	11	36	WATL	Roswell "Sexual Healing" ∩		Your Big Break ∩ ☐		SEC	Cheers ☐	Prism Awards (N) ∩ ☐		Beastmaster ∩ ☐		ER "Friendly Fire" ∩ ☐		Earth: Final Conflict ∩ ☐	
24	9	10	10	13	4	13	46	WGNX	Golf ☐	News	Extra (N) ∩ ☐		NFL Preseason Football American Bowl -- Indianapolis Colts vs. Pittsburgh Steelers. ☐						News	Amazon "The White Witch"		Star Trek
16	10	5	11	11	6	18	69	WUPA	"Pyromaniac's"		Star Trek: Voyager ∩ ☐		Martin ☐	Martin ☐	Jeffersons ∩	Jeffersons ∩	New York Undercover ☐		Battle Dome		WWF Jakked	
26	27	6	25	14	9	23		WGN	Earth: Final Conflict ∩ ☐		Major League Baseball Tampa Bay Devil Rays at Chicago White Sox. (Live) ∩ ☐						News ∩ ☐		Darkside	★★ "The Punisher" (1990, Adventure)		
47	47	36	27	33	44	25		ESPN	Senior PGA Golf		Sportscenter ☐		Track and Field Golden League. (Taped)				Baseball Tonight (N)		Sportscenter ☐		Baseball Tonight (N)	
35	35	38	30	31	52	26		USA	Cover Me: FBI Family		★ "National Lampoon's Senior Trip" (1995) Matt Frewer.				★★ "Naked Gun 33 1/3: The Final Insult" (1994) ∩				Strip Poker	War Next	★★½ "Housesitter" ∩	
37	37	25	35	36	57	28		A&E	Investigative Reports ☐		Love Chronicles ☐		Biography: Jerry Lee Lewis		Live by Request Starring Willie Nelson ☐				Top 10 ☐		Biography: Jerry Lee Lewis	
42	42	34	22	27	34	34		NICK	Oh! Cartoons!	Kenan & Kel	Skeeter	Rugrats ☐	Animorphs "Changes" ∩ ☐		All That	Lucy and Desi Comedy Hour	All in Family	Jeffersons ∩	Wonder Yrs.		Happy Days	
41	41	45	26	32	51	24		TNT	(5:30) ★★½ "The Secret of My Success" (1987)				★★★ "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986) Matthew Broderick. ☐				★★★ "The Breakfast Club" (1985) Emilio Estevez.				Some Kind	
46	46	46	28	42	37	29		AMC	★★★½ "Norma Rae" (1979) Sally Field, Beau Bridges.				★★★ "El Dorado" (1967) John Wayne. Robert Mitchum.				★★½ "Girls! Girls! Girls!" (1962, Musical) Elvis Presley.				Backstory	Norma Rae
34	34	27	31	25	41	31		CNN	Worldview	Sources	Capital Gang	Sports	Worldview	Movers ☐	Larry King Weekend ☐		Worldview	Capital Gang	Sports Tonight ☐		World Beat	Moneyweek
32	32	26	★	24	47	32		CNBC	Tim Russert		Market Week	Olympic	National Geographic Explorer				Tim Russert		National Geographic Explorer			

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18	3	3	3	3	2	3	2 WSB	Channel 2 Action News		Channel 2 Action News		Channel 2 Action News		This Week (N) ☐		Action News	Animal Adventures
19	4	4	4	6	5	6	5 WAGA	Hour of Power ∩ ☐		Paid Program	Best Homes	Fox News Sunday (N)		Georgia Gang	3rd Rock-Sun	Party of Five "Tender Age" ∩ ☐	
20	8	11	8	8	8	17	8 WGTV	Arthur ☐ (DVS)	Book of Virtues	Business Reprt.	Georgia Week in Review		Men Are From Mars		How to Get What You Want, and Want What You Have ☐		
21	12	7	6	12	11	12	11 WXIA	News ☐		Today (N) ∩ ☐		Meet the Press (N) ☐		Sunday Morn.	Time Prophets	Cooking and Crafts From Rebecca's	
2	5	18	13	20	12	16	14 WPXA	In Touch ☐		Peachtree Presbyterian Church		Living in Victory	Jackson Mem.	Roswell Street Baptist Church		Paid Program	Paid Program
17	7	12	7	4	7	4	17 WTBS	(7:30) ★★★ "City Slickers" (1991, Comedy) Billy Crystal, Daniel Stern.				★★★ "As Good as It Gets" (1997) Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt. A mean-spirited New York author finds love with a waitress.					
22	13	8	5	10	13	10	30 WPBA	Teletubbies ☐	Teletubbies ☐	Barney & Friends	Barney & Friends	Members' Choice					
23	6	9	9	9	3	11	36 WATL	Power Rangers	NASCAR Racers ∩	Digimon-Digital	Action Man ∩ ☐	Beast Machines ∩	Digimon-Digital	Angela Anaconda	Dungn-Dragons	★★ "My Boyfriend's Back" (1989)	
24	9	10	10	13	4	13	46 WGNX	Martha Stewart	Better Homes	Sunday Morning (N) ☐			Face the Nation (N)	News	Paid Program	Paid Program	Topspin (N) ☐
16	10	5	11	11	6	18	69 WUPA	Wiley Jackson Jr.: Gospel Tabernacle		Doug ∩ (El) ☐	Sabrina Series	Pepper Ann ☐	Recess ∩ (El) ☐	★★½ "The Return of Eliot Ness" (1991, Drama) Robert Stack, Charles Durning.			
26	27	6	25	14	9	23	WGN	Bozo Super Sunday ∩ (El)		Charles in Charge	Charles in Charge	Malibu, CA ∩ ☐	Full House ∩ ☐	Earth: Final Conflict "Sanctuary" ☐		Lost World "Resurrection" ∩ ☐	
47	47	36	27	33	44	25	ESPN	Sportscenter ☐		Sportscenter	Sportsweekly (N)	Sports Reporters	Outside the Lines	Sportscenter			Auto Racing ☐
35	35	38	30	31	52	26	USA	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	USA High ∩ ☐	USA High ∩ ☐	WWF Superstars ∩		★★ "Vampire's Kiss" (1989) Nicolas Cage, Maria Conchita Alonso. ∩ ☐			
37	37	25	35	36	57	28	A&E	(7:00) ★★ "Sweet Hearts Dance"		Breakfast With the Arts "Tales of Helpmann"; "Faces of Dance."				House Beautiful ☐		Top 10 "Closely Guarded Secrets" (N)	
42	42	34	22	27	34	34	NICK	Rocket Power ∩	Rocket Power ∩	Rugrats ∩ ☐	Rugrats ∩ ☐	Spongebob Sq.	Spongebob Sq.	Catdog ∩	Catdog ∩	Angry Beavers ∩	Angry Beavers ∩
41	41	45	26	32	51	24	TNT	The Shadow Riders	★★½ "Last Stand at Saber River" (1997) Tom Selleck, Keith Carradine ∩ ☐			★★½ "Overboard" (1987) Goldie Hawn. An amnesiac millionairess is duped by a cunning carpenter.					
46	46	46	28	42	37	29	AMC	(7:30) ★½ "Konga" (1961)		Three Stooges		★★★ "The Far Horizons" (1955, Adventure) Charlton Heston, Fred MacMurray.				★★★½ "Champion" (1949)	
34	34	27	31	25	41	31	CNN	Sunday Morning Democratic National Convention.				NFL Preview ☐		Evans, Novak	Reliable Sources	Late Edition ☐	
32	32	26	★	24	47	32	CNBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Guthy-Renker.com	Paid Program

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MA	MS	ND	I	SU	R	SM		1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30
18	3	3	3	3	2	3	2 WSB	New True Life Adventures		Women's Soccer Russia vs. United States. (Live) ☐				Auto Racing CART FedEx Championship Series -- Miller Lite 200. (Same-day Tape)			
19	4	4	4	6	5	6	5 WAGA	V.I.P. "All You Need Is Val" ∩		V.I.P. "Valma & Louise" ∩		NFL Yearbook 1999 Atlanta Falcons. (N)		NFL Preseason Football Green Bay Packers at Denver Broncos. (Live) ∩ ☐			
20	8	11	8	8	8	17	8 WGTV	Get What You Want	★★ "Anne of Green Gables: The Continuing Story" (2000) Megan Follows.				★★ "Anne of Green Gables: The Continuing Story" (2000, Drama) Megan Follows, Jonathan Crombie.				
21	12	7	6	12	11	12	11 WXIA	New Day Marketing	Castle Advertising	WTA Tennis estyle.com Classic -- Final. From Manhattan Beach, Calif. (Tape Delay)				Swimming U.S. Olympic Trials. From Indianapolis. (Taped) ∩ ☐			
2	5	18	13	20	12	16	14 WPXA	Paid Program	Paid Program	Mount Bethel Church		Paid Program	Paid Program	★★ "Chase" (1965, Drama) Jennifer O'Neill, Robert S. Woods.			
17	7	12	7	4	7	4	17 WTBS	Major League Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta. (Live) ☐						★★★½ "The Sons of Katie Elder" (1965) John Wayne. Time Approximate.			
22	13	8	5	10	13	10	30 WPBA	Members' Choice	Nightfighters			Nature "Dolphins: Close Encounters" ∩ ☐			★★ "Anne of Green Gables: The Continuing Story" (2000)		
23	6	9	9	9	3	11	36 WATL	(12:00) ★★ "My Boyfriend's Back"		★★★ "Pretty in Pink" (1986, Drama) Molly Ringwald, Andrew McCarthy.				★★½ "The Joy Luck Club" (1993, Drama) Tsai Chin, Kieu Chinh, Lisa Lu.			
24	9	10	10	13	4	13	46 WGNX	ATP Tennis Masters Series -- Final. From Cincinnati. (Live) ☐				PGA Golf Buick Open -- Final Round. From the Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club in Grand Blanc, Mich. (Live) ☐					
16	10	5	11	11	6	18	69 WUPA	★★★ "The Jesse Owens Story" (1984, Biography) Dorian Harewood, Georg Stanford Brown, Debbi Morgan. A profile of Olympic track star Jesse Owens.								★★★ "Zooman" (1995)	
26	27	6	25	14	9	23	WGN	Major League Baseball Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay Devil Rays. From Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. ☐						Cleopatra 2525 ∩	Jack of All Trades	Beastmaster "Obsession" ∩ ☐	
47	47	36	27	33	44	25	ESPN	(12:30) Auto Racing NASCAR Winston Cup -- Global Crossing at the Glen. (Live) ☐					For Race Fans	Pro Beach Hockey		LPGA Golf: du Maurier Classic	
35	35	38	30	31	52	26	USA	★★½ "My Stepmother Is an Alien" (1988) Dan Aykroyd, Kim Basinger. ∩ ☐				★★½ "The Real McCoy" (1993, Drama) Kim Basinger, Val Kilmer. ∩ ☐				★★½ "Hard Target" (1993) ∩ ☐	
37	37	25	35	36	57	28	A&E	Unexplained "The Mars Rock"		American Justice		★★½ "An Inconvenient Woman" (1991, Drama) (Part 1 of 2) Jill Eikenberry.				★★½ "An Inconvenient Woman"	
42	42	34	22	27	34	34	NICK	Kablam! ∩	Kablam! ∩	GAS ∩				Kenan & Kel	Kenan & Kel	Kenan & Kel	Aaron Carter
41	41	45	26	32	51	24	TNT	★★★ "Dirty Dancing" (1987, Drama) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze. ☐				★★ "Striptease" (1996) Demi Moore. A Miami mother becomes a stripper to raise some quick cash.					American President
46	46	46	28	42	37	29	AMC	(12:00) ★★★½ "Champion" (1949)		Steve McQueen: King of Cool ☐		★★ "Six Weeks" (1982, Drama) Dudley Moore, Mary Tyler Moore.				Everyday Elegance	★★★½ Hombre
34	34	27	31	25	41	31	CNN	Late Edition ☐	CNN.dot.com ☐	World Report ☐		Your Health ☐	World Beat	CNN Sunday ☐	Earth Matters (N)	CNN Sunday ☐	Both Sides
32	32	26	★	24	47	32	CNBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	CNET News.com		Market Week	Best of Hardball

SUNDAY EVENING

AUGUST 13, 2000

MA	MS	ND	I	SU	R	SM		6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
18	3	3	3	3	2	3	2 WSB	Channel 2 Action News		"New Adventures of Spin and Marty: Suspect"				Be a Millionaire		Practice "Settling" ∩ ☐		Action News	Sports Final	Cleopatra 2525	Jack
19	4	4	4	6	5	6	5 WAGA	NFL Preseason Football		Futurama ∩	King of Hill	Simpsons ∩	Malcolm-Mid.	X-Files "Rush" ∩ ☐		FOX5 News		X-Files "Drive" ∩ ☐		Outer Limits "Small Friends"	
20	8	11	8	8	8	17	8 WGTV	Frontline "From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians" ∩ (Part 1 of 2) ☐						Frontline "From Jesus to Christ: The First Christians" ☐				Jonathan Winters		(Off Air)	
21	12	7	6	12	11	12	11 WXIA	News ☐	NBC News	Dateline (N) ∩ ☐				★★ "Cutthroat Island" (1995) Geena Davis, Matthew Modine. ∩ ☐				News ☐	News Extra	Sports	Hollywood
2	5	18	13	20	12	16	14 WPXA	Our House "Off We Go" ∩		Promised Land ∩ ☐		It's a Miracle ∩ ☐		"Perfect Body"-(1997) Amy Jo Johnson, Brett Cullen.				Scarecrow and Mrs. King ∩		Paid Program	Paid Program
17	7	12	7	4	7	4	17 WTBS	Sons of Katie	★★½ "Rio Lobo" (1970, Western) John Wayne, Jennifer O'Neill.					★★½ "Big Jake" (1971) John Wayne, Richard Boone.				★★½ "Rio Lobo" (1970) John Wayne, Jennifer O'Neill			
22	13	8	5	10	13	10	30 WPBA	"Anne of Green Gables"		Van Gogh's Van Goghs ∩ ☐		Chihuly Over Venice ∩ ☐				Spirit-Journey in Dance, Drums & Song		Sessions at West 54th ∩			
23	6	9	9	9	3	11	36 WATL	Friends ☐	Friends ☐	7th Heaven "We the People"		Steve Harvey	For-Love	Jamie Foxx	For-Love	Seinfeld ☐	Simpsons ∩	ER "Something New" ☐		Blind Date	Paid Program
24	9	10	10	13	4	13	46 WGNX	CBS News	News	60 Minutes ∩ ☐		Touched by an Angel ☐		"Heart Full of Rain" (1997) Richard Crenna. ∩ ☐				News	Extra ∩ ☐	Kickin' It (N)	
16	10	5	11	11	6	18	69 WUPA	(5:00) ★★★ "Zooman"		Martin ☐	Martin ☐	★★★ "Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead"				Star Trek: Voyager ∩ ☐		Wild Things ∩ ☐		"Undercover Angel" (1999)	
26	27	6	25	14	9	23	WGN	Prism Awards (N) ∩ ☐		★★ "The Amazing Panda Adventure" (1995, Adventure)				Total Recall 2070 ☐		News ∩ ☐	Replay	Shoot	Xena: Warrior Princess ☐		Beastmaster
47	47	36	27	33	44	25	ESPN	LPGA Golf		Sportscenter	Baseball	Major League Baseball Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago.				Sportscenter ☐		Baseball		NFL Films	
35	35	38	30	31	52	26	USA	(5:00) "Hard Target" (1993)		WWF Sunday Night Heat ∩		Last One Standing ∩ ☐		War Next	Manhattan	La Femme Nikita (N) ∩ ☐		Law & Order		La Femme Nikita ∩ ☐	
37	37	25	35	36	57	28	A&E	"An Inconvenient Woman"		Law & Order "Humiliation"		Biography "Bob Dylan: The American Troubadour" (N) ☐		Biography "Bob Dylan: The American Troubadour" ☐						Biography: Bob Dylan	
42	42	34	22	27	34	34	NICK	You Afraid?	Eddie	Amanda ∩	All That ∩	Caitlin's Way	Garcia	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Gilligan's Isle	Brady Bunch
41	41	45	26	32	51	24	TNT	(5:30) ★★★ "The American President" (1995) ☐				"Running Mates" (2000) Tom Selleck. Premiere. ∩ ☐		"Running Mates" (2000) Tom Selleck. ∩ ☐						"Running Mates" (2000) ∩	
46	46	46	28	42	37	29	AMC	(5:30) ★★★½ "Hombre" (1967, Western)			Screen	★★★ "The Trouble With Harry" (1955) Edmund Gwenn.		★★★ "Dear Brigitte" (1965) James Stewart, Billy Mumy.				Gilligan's Isle	Brady Bunch		
34	34	27	31	25	41	31	CNN	Worldview	Capital Gang	Worldview	Crossfire	Politics	Pinnacle ☐	CNN & Time (N) ☐		Millennium: Compass		Sports Tonight ☐		Screen	Trouble-Harry
32	32	26	★	24	47	32	CNBC	Tim Russert		Ushuaia		National Geographic Explorer (N)				Tim Russert		National Geographic Explorer		CNN & Time ☐	

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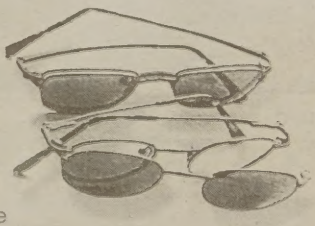

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MONDAY EVENING

AUGUST 14, 2000

MA	MS	ND	I	SU	R	SM		6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
18	3	3	3	3	2	3	2 WSB	Action News	ABC News	NFL Preseason Football St. Louis Rams at Tennessee Titans. (Live) ∩ □						ABC News 2000 The Vote		Action News	Nightline (N)	Politically Inc.	Action News
19	4	4	4	6	5	6	5 WAGA	FOX5 News		Drew Carey	Home Imp.	Opposite Sex (N) ∩ □		Ally McBeal ∩ □		FOX5 News		M*A*S*H □	3rd Rock-Sun	Jerry Springer □	
20	8	11	8	8	8	17	8 WGTV	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Business Rpt.	Europe	Convention Coverage "The Democrats" (Live) □						Stephen Hawking's Universe		Stephen Hawking's Universe	
21	12	7	6	12	11	12	11 WXIA	News □	NBC News	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Mysterious Ways (N) □		Law & Order "Sundown" ∩		Dateline (N)	Democrt	News □	Tonight Show (N) ∩ □		Late Night ∩
2	5	18	13	20	12	16	14 WPXA	Supermarket	Shop-Drop	Shop-Drop	Supermarket	Promised Land ∩ □		Touched by an Angel □		Diagnosis Murder ∩ □		It's a Miracle	Hwood Show.	Paid Program	Paid Program
17	7	12	7	4	7	4	17 WTBS	Roseanne ∩	Roseanne ∩	Fresh Prince	Major League Baseball San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.						★★★ "The War Wagon" (1967, Western) John Wayne.				Day-Evil Gun
22	13	8	5	10	13	10	30 WPBA	Arthur ∩ (El)	World News	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		This Old Hse.	This Old Hse.	Grade	Atlanta Brd of Ed. Mtg			Evening at Pops ∩ □		Charlie Rose ∩ □	
23	6	9	9	9	3	11	36 WATL	Wayans Bros.	Living Single	Simpsons ∩	Friends □	7th Heaven ∩ □		Roswell "Sexual Healing" ∩		Seinfeld □	Friends □	Newsradio ∩	Simpsons ∩	Blind Date	Blind Date
24	9	10	10	13	4	13	46 WGNX	News	CBS News	Extra (N) □	Hollywood	Big Brother	King	Raymond	Becker □	48 Hours (Live) ∩ □		News	Late Show ∩ □		Late Late
16	10	5	11	11	6	18	69 WUPA	Frasier □	Frasier □	Judge Mathis ∩ □		Moesha □	Parkers □	Grown Ups	Malcolm	Martin □	In the House	Judge Mathis ∩ □		Change-Heart	Unhappily
26	27	6	25	14	9	23	WGN	Wayans Bros.	Fresh Prince	Full House	Full House	Major League Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs. (Live) ∩ □						News ∩ □	Coach □	In the Heat of the Night □	
47	47	36	27	33	44	25	ESPN	Sportscenter	Countdown	Japanese Sumo Wrestling		WNBA Basketball Playoffs: Shock or Mystics at Liberty				Baseball Tonight (N)		Sportscenter □		Baseball Tonight (N)	
35	35	38	30	31	52	26	USA	Crush □	Friends	JAG "Hemlock" ∩ □		Nash Bridges ∩ □		WWF Raw □		WWF War Zone □		Farmclub.com (N) ∩ □		Silk Stalkings ∩ □	
37	37	25	35	36	57	28	A&E	L.A. Law "Eli's Gumming"		Law & Order "Mushrooms"		Biography "David Crosby"		Live by Request Starring Willie Nelson (Live)				Law & Order "Discord" □		Biography "David Crosby"	
42	42	34	22	27	34	34	NICK	All That ∩	Catdog ∩	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats □	Dora-Explorer	Rocket Power	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gilligan's Isle	Brady Bunch
41	41	45	26	32	51	24	TNT	Tour of Duty □		ER "Ground Zero" ∩ □		WCW Monday Nitro (Live) ∩ □				★★ "Rapid Fire" (1992, Adventure) Brandon Lee. □				WCW Monday Nitro ∩ □	
46	46	46	28	42	37	29	AMC	(4:30) ★★½ "Sleuth"		Three Stooges		Hollywood		★★★ "The Cowboys" (1972) John Wayne, Bruce Dern.				★★ "Frenzy" (1972) Jon Finch, Barry Foster. □		Hollywood	
34	34	27	31	25	41	31	CNN	World Today □		Democratic National Convention (Live)				Larry King Live □		Democratic Convention		Post Convention Wrap-Up		Larry King Live □	
32	32	26	★	24	47	32	CNBC	Edge □	Business Center □			Hardball		Rivera Live		News With Brian Williams		Hardball			

TUESDAY EVENING

AUGUST 15, 2000

MA	MS	ND	I	SU	R	SM		6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
18	3	3	3	3	2	3	2 WSB	Channel 2 Action News		ABC News	Ent. Tonight	Be a Millionaire		Dharma-Greg	Norm ∩ □	ABC News 2000 The Vote		Action News	Nightline (N)	Politically Inc.	News □
19	4	4	4	6	5	6	5 WAGA	FOX5 News		Drew Carey	Home Imp.	'70s Show	Titus ∩ □	Family Guy	PJs (N) □	FOX5 News		M*A*S*H □	3rd Rock-Sun	Jerry Springer □	
20	8	11	8	8	8	17	8 WGTV	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Business Rpt.	Ga. Outdoors	Convention Coverage "The Democrats" (Live) □						Stephen Hawking's Universe		Stephen Hawking's Universe	
21	12	7	6	12	11	12	11 WXIA	News □	NBC News	Fortune	Jeopardy!	3rd Rock-Sun	Sammy (N)	Frasier □	Just Shoot	Dateline (N) ∩ □		News □	Tonight Show (N) ∩ □		Late Night (N)
2	5	18	13	20	12	16	14 WPXA	Supermarket	Shop-Drop	Shop-Drop	Supermarket	True Stories From-Angel		Touched by an Angel □		Diagnosis Murder ∩ □		It's a Miracle	Hwood Show.	Paid Program	Paid Program
17	7	12	7	4	7	4	17 WTBS	Roseanne ∩	Roseanne ∩	Fresh Prince	Major League Baseball San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.						★★½ "Above the Law" (1988, Drama) Steven Seagal.				Boiling Point
22	13	8	5	10	13	10	30 WPBA	Arthur ∩ (El)	World News	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Mexican Americans ∩ □		Cuban Americans ∩ □						"The Cracker Man" (1999)	Charlie Rose ∩ □
23	6	9	9	9	3	11	36 WATL	Wayans Bros.	Living Single	Simpsons ∩	Friends □	Buffy the Vampire Slayer ∩		Angel "She" ∩ □		Seinfeld □	Friends □	Newsradio ∩	Simpsons ∩	Blind Date	Blind Date
24	9	10	10	13	4	13	46 WGNX	News	CBS News	Extra (N) □	Hollywood	Big Brother	Ladies Man	Judging Amy ∩ □		60 Minutes II (Live) ∩ □		News	Late Show ∩ □		Late Late
16	10	5	11	11	6	18	69 WUPA	Frasier □	Frasier □	Judge Mathis ∩ □		Shasta □	Dilbert □	I Dare You!		Martin □	In the House	Judge Mathis ∩ □		Change-Heart	Unhappily
26	27	6	25	14	9	23	WGN	Wayans Bros.	Fresh Prince	Full House	Full House	★★ "No Looking Back" (1998, Drama) Lauren Holly.				News ∩ □		MacGyver "The Assassin"		In the Heat of the Night □	
47	47	36	27	33	44	25	ESPN	Sportscenter □		WNBA Basketball Playoffs: Conf. Semi.				WNBA Basketball Playoffs: Conf. Semi.				Sportscenter □		Baseball Tonight (N)	
35	35	38	30	31	52	26	USA	Crush □	Friends	JAG "High Ground" ∩ □		Nash Bridges "Aloha, Nash"		"The Darkling" (2000) F. Murray Abraham. Premiere. ∩				Strip Poker	"The Darkling" (2000) F. Murray Abraham.		
37	37	25	35	36	57	28	A&E	L.A. Law		Law & Order "Vengeance"		Biography: Jimi Hendrix		American Justice □		Investigative Reports □		Law & Order "Deceit" □		Biography: Jimi Hendrix	
42	42	34	22	27	34	34	NICK	All That ∩	Catdog ∩	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats □	Thornberrys	Thornberrys	Gilligan's Isle	Gilligan's Isle	Gilligan's Isle	Gilligan's Isle	Gilligan's Isle	Gilligan's Isle	Gilligan's Isle	Brady Bunch
41	41	45	26	32	51	24	TNT	"Running Mates" (2000) Tom Selleck. ∩ □				Bull (N) □		Bull □		Bull □		ER "Into That Good Night"		"Pirates of Silicon Valley"	
46	46	46	28	42	37	29	AMC	(5:00) ★★½ "Zeppelin"		Three Stooges		Elia Kazan: Journey		★★★½ "Splendor in the Grass" (1961) Natalie Wood, Warren Beatty.				★★★★ "Giant" (1956) Elizabeth Taylor.			
34	34	27	31	25	41	31	CNN	World Today □		Democratic National Convention (Live)				Larry King Live □		Democratic Convention		Post Convention Wrap-Up		Larry King Live □	
32	32	26	★	24	47	32	CNBC	Edge □	Business Center □			Hardball		Rivera Live		News With Brian Williams		Hardball			

WEDNESDAY EVENING

AUGUST 16, 2000

MA	MS	ND	I	SU	R	SM		6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
18	3	3	3	3	2	3	2 WSB	Channel 2 Action News		ABC News	Ent. Tonight	Two Guys	Norm ∩ □	Drew Carey	Spin City ∩	ABC News 2000 The Vote		Action News	Nightline (N)	Politically Inc.	News □
19	4	4	4	6	5	6	5 WAGA	FOX5 News		Drew Carey	Home Imp.	King of Hill	Family Guy	Am High	Am High	FOX5 News		M*A*S*H □	3rd Rock-Sun	Jerry Springer □	
20	8	11	8	8	8	17	8 WGTV	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Business Rpt.	Antiques	Convention Coverage "The Democrats" (Live) □						Stephen Hawking's Universe		Stephen Hawking's Universe	
21	12	7	6	12	11	12	11 WXIA	News □	NBC News	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Dateline (N) ∩ □		West Wing ∩ □		Democratic Convention		News □	Tonight Show (N) ∩ □		Late Night (N)
2	5	18	13	20	12	16	14 WPXA	Supermarket	Shop-Drop	Shop-Drop	Supermarket	Twice in a Lifetime ∩ □		Touched by an Angel □		Diagnosis Murder ∩ □		It's a Miracle	Hwood Show.	Paid Program	Paid Program
17	7	12	7	4	7	4	17 WTBS	Roseanne ∩	Roseanne ∩	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Ripley's Believe It or Not!		WCW Thunder		WCW Thunder		Ripley's Believe It or Not!		WCW Thunder	
22	13	8	5	10	13	10	30 WPBA	Arthur ∩ (El)	World News	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Members' Choice						Members' Choice		Charlie Rose ∩ □	
23	6	9	9	9	3	11	36 WATL	Wayans Bros.	Living Single	Simpsons ∩	Friends □	Dawson's Creek ∩ □		Young Americans "Gone"		Seinfeld □	Friends □	Newsradio ∩	Simpsons ∩	Blind Date	Blind Date
24	9	10	10	13	4	13	46 WGNX	News	CBS News	Extra (N) □	Hollywood	Survivor ∩ □		Big Brother (Live) ∩ □		Democratic Convention		News	Late Show ∩ □		Late Late
16	10	5	11	11	6	18	69 WUPA	Frasier □	Frasier □	Judge Mathis ∩ □		7 Days ∩ □		Star Trek: Voyager ∩ □		Martin □	In the House	Judge Mathis ∩ □		Change-Heart	Unhappily
26	27	6	25	14	9	23	WGN	Wayans Bros.	Fresh Prince	Full House	★★★ "The Man Without a Face" (1993, Drama) Mel Gibson, Nick Stahl.					News ∩ □		MacGyver		In the Heat of the Night □	
47	47	36	27	33	44	25	ESPN	Sportscenter □		Major League Baseball New York Yankees at Texas Rangers. (Subject to Blackout) □						Baseball Tonight (N)		Sportscenter □		Baseball Tonight (N)	
35	35	38	30	31	52	26	USA	Crush □	Friends	JAG "Black Ops" ∩ □		Nash Bridges "Key Witness"		Cover Me: FBI Family		Huntress "Scattered" (N) ∩		Strip Poker	Walker, Texas Ranger □		Silk Stalkings
37	37	25	35	36	57	28	A&E	L.A. Law		Law & Order □		Biography "Janis Joplin" (N)		American Justice (N) □		Investigative Reports (N)		Law & Order "We Like Mike"		Biography "Janis Joplin"	
42	42	34	22	27	34	34	NICK	All That ∩	Catdog ∩	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats □	Hey Arnold!	Hey Arnold!	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Hillbillies	Gilligan's Isle	Brady Bunch
41	41	45	26	32	51	24	TNT	Tour of Duty □		ER "Middle of Nowhere" ∩		"The Defenders: Payback" (1997, Drama) E.G. Marshall.				★★ "The Defenders: Choice of Evile" (1998, Drama)				"The Defenders: Payback"	
46	46	46	28	42	37	29	AMC	"Who's Minding the Store?"		Three Stooges		★★★ "Operation Pacific" (1951, Drama) John Wayne.				★★★★ "The Heartbreak Kid" (1972) Charles Grodin.		Post Convention Wrap-Up		Backstory	Duel-Sun
34	34	27	31	25	41	31	CNN	World Today □		Democratic National Convention (Live)				Larry King Live □		Democratic Convention		Hardball		Larry King Live □	
32	32	26	★	24	47	32	CNBC	Edge □	Business Center □			Hardball		Rivera Live		News With Brian Williams				Rivera Live	

THURSDAY EVENING

AUGUST 17, 2000

MA	MS	ND	I	SU	R	SM		6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30
18	3	3	3	3	2	3	2 WSB	Channel 2 Action News		ABC News	Ent. Tonight	Be a Millionaire		ABC News 2000 The Vote (Live) □				Action News	Nightline (N)	Politically Inc.	News □
19	4	4	4	6	5	6	5 WAGA	FOX5 News		Drew Carey	Home Imp.	★★½ "Most Wanted" (1997) Keenen Ivory Wayans. ∩				FOX5 News		M*A*S*H □	3rd Rock-Sun	Jerry Springer □	
20	8	11	8	8	8	17	8 WGTV	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Business Rpt.	Gardening	Convention Coverage "The Democrats" (Live) □						Nova "Faster Than Sound"		Nova "Bomb Squad" □	
21	12	7	6	12	11	12	11 WXIA	News □	NBC News	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Friends □	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Democratic National Convention □			News □	Tonight Show (N) ∩ □		Late Night (N)
2	5	18	13	20	12	16	14 WPXA	Supermarket	Shop-Drop	Shop-Drop	Supermarket	It's a Miracle ∩ □		Diagnosis Murder ∩ □		Touched by an Angel □		It's a Miracle	Hwood Show.	Paid Program	Paid Program
17	7	12	7	4	7	4	17 WTBS	Roseanne ∩	Roseanne ∩	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	★★ "Universal Soldier" (1992) Jean-Claude Van Damme.				★★½ "Red Heat" (1988) Arnold Schwarzenegger, James Belushi.					Rapid Fire
22	13	8	5	10	13	10	30 WPBA	Arthur ∩ (El)	World News	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Nature ∩ □		Great War and the Shaping of the 20th Century □				American Photography		Charlie Rose ∩ □	
23	6	9	9	9	3	11	36 WATL	Wayans Bros.	Living Single	Simpsons ∩	Friends □	Popular ∩ □		Charmed ∩ □		Seinfeld □	Friends □	Newsradio ∩	Simpsons ∩	Blind Date	Blind Date
24	9	10	10	13	4	13	46 WGNX	News	CBS News	Extra (N) □	Hollywood	Big Brother	Becker □	Democratic National Convention (Live) ∩ □				News	Late Show ∩ □		PGA H'Lights
16	10	5	11	11	6	18	69 WUPA	Frasier □	Frasier □	Judge Mathis ∩ □		WWF Smackdown! ∩ □				Martin □	In the House	Judge Mathis ∩ □		Change-Heart	Unhappily
26	27	6	25	14	9	23	WGN	Wayans Bros.	Fresh Prince	Full House	Full House	★★½ "If Looks Could Kill" (1991) Richard Grieco.				News ∩ □		MacGyver ∩ □		In the Heat of the Night □	
47	47	36	27	33	44	25	ESPN	Sportscenter □		WNBA Basketball Playoffs: Conf. Final				WNBA Basketball Playoffs				Sportscenter □		Baseball Tonight (N)	
35	35	38	30	31	52	26	USA	Crush □	Friends	JAG "Survivors" ∩ □		Nash Bridges ∩ □		"No Tomorrow" (1999) Gary Busey, Gary Daniels. ∩				Strip Poker	Walker, Texas Ranger □		Silk Stalkings
37	37	25	35	36	57	28	A&E	L.A. Law		Law & Order "Scoundrels"		Biography: Mick Jagger		Murder One □		Murder One □		Law & Order □		Biography: Mick Jagger	
42	42	34	22	27	34	34	NICK	All That ∩	Catdog ∩	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats □	Spongeb	Spongeb	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Brady Bunch	Gilligan's Isle	Brady Bunch
41	41	45	26	32	51	24	TNT	Golf: PGA Championship		ER "Sticks and Stones" □		★★★½ "A River Runs Through It" (1992) Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt.				★★★ "Harry and the Hendersons" (1987) John Lithgow, Melinda Dillon.					
46	46	46	28	42	37	29	AMC	"World's-Lover"		Three Stooges		★★★★ "Shane" (1953) Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur.				★★★★ "Rear Window" (1954) James Stewart. □				"The Grass is Greener"	
34	34	27	31	25	41	31	CNN	World Today □		Democratic National Convention (Live)				Larry King Live □		Democratic Convention		Post Convention Wrap-Up		Larry King Live □	
32	32	26	★	24	47	32	CNBC	Edge □	Business Center □			Hardball		Rivera Live		News With Brian Williams		Hardball		Rivera Live	

FRIDAY EVENING

AUGUST 18, 2000

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18	3	3	3	3	2	3	2 WSB	Channel 2 Action News		ABC News	Ent. Tonight	Sabrina-Witch	Boy-World	Making-Band	Making-Band	20/20 (N) □		Action News	Nightline (N)	Politically Inc.	News □
19	4	4	4	6	5	6	5 WAGA	FOX5 News		Dan Reeves	Home Imp.	Beyond Belief		Guinness World Records		FOX5 News		M*A*S*H □	3rd Rock-Sun	Jerry Springer □	
20	8	11	8	8	8	17	8 WGTV	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Business Rpt.	Georgia	Wash. Week	Wall St.	Hearts of Glass				Business	McLaughlin	Austin City Limits ∩	
21	12	7	6	12	11	12	11 WXIA	News □	NBC News	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Providence ∩ □		Dateline (N) ∩ □		Law & Order		News □	Tonight Show (N) ∩ □		Late Night (N)
2	5	18	13	20	12	16	14 WPXA	Supermarket	Shop-Drop	Shop-Drop	Supermarket	It's a Miracle ∩ □		Touched by an Angel □		Diagnosis Murder ∩ □		It's a Miracle	Hwood Show.	Paid Program	Paid Program
17	7	12	7	4	7	4	17 WTBS	Roseanne ∩	Roseanne ∩	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	★★★ "As Good as It Gets" (1997, Comedy-Drama) Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt.						★★★½ "Back to the Future" (1985) Michael J. Fox.			
22	13	8	5	10	13	10	30 WPBA	Arthur ∩ (El)	World News	Newshour With Jim Lehrer		Lawyer	Crown	Great War and the Shaping of the 20th Century □				Launching-Kalmar Nyckel		Charlie Rose ∩ □	
23	6	9	9	9	3	11	36 WATL	Wayans Bros.	Living Single	Simpsons ∩	Friends □	Baby Blues	Baby Blues	Young Americans "Gone"		Seinfeld □	Friends □	Newsradio ∩	Simpsons ∩	Blind Date	Blind Date
24	9	10	10	13	4	13	46 WGNX	News	CBS News	Extra (N) □	Hollywood	Big Brother	Candid C.	JAG "Promises" ∩ □		Nash Bridges ∩ □		News	Late Show ∩ □		PGA H'Lights
16	10	5	11	11	6	18	69 WUPA	Frasier □	Frasier □	Judge Mathis ∩ □		The Strip "Pilot" ∩ □		Secret Agent Man ∩ □		Martin □	In the House	Judge Mathis ∩ □		Change-Heart	Unhappily
26	27	6	25	14	9	23	WGN	Wayans Bros.	Fresh Prince	Full House	Full House	★★★½ "The Joy Luck Club" (1993, Drama) Tsai Chin.				Major League Baseball Chicago Cubs at Arizona Diamondbacks. (Live) ∩ □					
47	47	36	27	33	44	25	ESPN	Sportscenter □		Outside Lines	NFL 2Night (N)			NFL Preseason Football Arizona Cardinals at Minnesota Vikings. (Live) □						Sportscenter □	
35	35	38	30	31	52	26	USA	Crush □	Friends	JAG "Recovery" ∩ □		Nash Bridges ∩ □		★★½ "Tales From the Crypt Presents Demon Knight"				Strip Poker	Manhattan	★★ "Double Impact" ∩	
37	37	25	35	36	57	28	A&E	L.A. Law "Cold Cuts"		Law & Order "Thrill" □		Biography: Sam Phillips: The Man Who Invented				Investigative Reports □		Law & Order "Barter" □		Biography: Sam Phillips	
42	42	34	22	27	34	34	NICK	All That ∩	Catdog ∩	U Pick Nicktoons Viewers pick their favorite Nicktoons. ∩				Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Gilligan's Isle	Brady Bunch
41	41	45	26	32	51	24	TNT	Golf: PGA Championship		ER "Point of Origin" ∩ □		"Running Mates" (2000) Tom Selleck. ∩ □				Bull □		★★½ "The Secret of My Success" (1987) Helen Slater			
46	46	46	28	42	37	29	AMC	"The Fighting Seabees"		Three Stooges		★★ "The Greatest" (1977, Biography) Muhammad Ali.				Cinema	★½ "The Day the World Ended" (1956)			★★★ "My Bodyguard"	
34	34	27	31	25	41	31	CNN	Worldview	Moneyline Newshour (N)	Crossfire (N)		World Today □		Larry King Live □		Newsstand □		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live	
32	32	26	★	24	47	32	CNBC	Edge □	Business Center □		Market Week	National Geographic Explorer				News With Brian Williams		National Geographic Explorer			

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Large sampler with oysters, clams, sashimi salmon, crab, craw fish and tuna

BY ELLIOTT MACKLE

Link to the Sea

McCormick & Schmick's is a brand-new kind of chain

Hold it, sonny bubbas.

Turns out that fried shrimp, fried flounder, fast-fish sandwiches and catfish with hushpuppies aren't the only forms of commercial seafood known.

Yeah, yeah, the big dogs among us have learned to love seared tuna from the Gulf (at $20 a pop), assorted sushi (from $1 a bite up), even Florida stone crabs (the sky's the limit). French and Italian-accented places have sold us on mussels steamed in wine.

Now, to broaden our horizons, we have McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, a specialist in Pacific Northwestern seafood. The first local unit of a 29-link chain (two more are planned here) opened a few blocks north of Perimeter Mall in June. Though founded on the West Coast, where most of the company's units still operate, McCormick & Schmick's is one of several chains owned by Madison, Ga.-based Avado Brands Inc. Avado, formerly a leading franchise of Applebee's, has struggled mightily since investing its financial apples in a basket of new brands.

McCormick & Schmick's does not appear to be struggling. Current menus (which resemble those used at Atlanta Fish Market) list 30-40 varieties of fresh seafood (nine kinds of raw oysters alone). Menus are printed twice daily. The lakeside restaurant is huge — almost 10,000 feet of dining space with 300 seats — and waits are said to be common at busy times. In my experience, dinner is busier than lunch.

Prices and portions are typically moderate. Seafood quality, though perhaps not sushi-grade, is high. From first bite to

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Delightfully veggie

Fulfilling, meat-free fare found at Indian Delights

BY SHELLEY LAWRENCE

If you live here in this great Southern metropolis and haven't yet discovered the abundance of simple and inexpensive Indian vegetarian restaurants in Decatur, it's time to wake up and smell the curry.

Cheap Eats

Indian Delights is located in a purple-trimmed shopping plaza on Church Street. With its overbearing fluorescent lighting and stark decor, this restaurant is pretty much an ambiance-free zone, except for a very colorful and bucolic mural covering one wall of the dining room. Still, the place ain't much to look at.

The menu is varied and altogether affordable. A counterside display case helps put a visual to some of the victuals. Appetizers run about $3 a pop, while most of the "Main Delights" are $4.50 to $4.75. One delight I delved into was the No. 14: stuffed paratha and vegetable biryani ($6.75). Paratha is a griddle-fried East Indian bread, which, in its simplest form, is dough that has been brushed with ghee, folded and re-rolled. This particular version was stuffed with potatoes and was so good I felt compelled to pull my car over to finish up my to-go order.

Lovers of Indian bread will not want at this restaurant. Deep-fried puri (also commonly known as poori), and roti (griddle-fried flat bread) play a feature part in most of the entrées.

The interesting assemblage of appetizers and side orders includes both hot and cold dishes. There are some common

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Ragda Pattis, potato patty topped with yellow peas, chutneys and onions

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Consult a native

La Tavola: from not-so Italian to authentic and much improved

BY CLIFF BOSTOCK

Last week in this space I reminded readers of how changeable the quality of any restaurant is. Today's reason to get fat can become tomorrow's cause of anorexia. But it works the other way, too. Mediocre restaurants, if they are self-critical and undertake improvement, can become good restaurants.

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A case in point is **La Tavola** (992 Virginia Ave., 404-873-5430). When this restaurant opened last year in the location long occupied by Capo's Café, everyone was excited. It was opened by the same folks who own South City Kitchen and the Food Studio, two of our city's more attractive and experimental boutique restaurants.

Like its forbears, La Tavola immediately impressed visitors with its luxe interior. Designer Jose Tazell, whose work at the Food Studio is a quirky masterpiece, turned the rather Martha Stewart-esque Capo's into a sleek statement. From the beginning, a youthful staff enthusiastically presented dishes to diners that — here comes the bad part — almost always disappointed.

All that beauty and good service and nothing especially good to eat! The restaurant, though calling itself a trattoria, seemed more American than Italian — or it seemed to be cooking unsuccessful interpretations of classic trattoria food. It makes sense because South City and Food Studio feature fusion-inspired cuisine. But the recipe did not work at La Tavola, even with talented chef Heath Miles, who has no background in Italian cooking.

Seeing the light (and diminishing clientele), the restaurant's owners decided to hire Joey Masi as a consultant. Italian, with a history of chef's stints with the Buckhead Life Group and at Martin Gagne's Opus, Masi has attempted to bring greater authenticity to the restaurant's cuisine. Because the South City Management Group has another Italian venue on the boards, it was especially important that Tavola improve its culinary act, according to general manager Stuart Fierman.

It's been paying off. Lulu and I both heard very positive reports on the restaurant, so we decided to visit two weeks ago. Wayne joined us and, when we arrived at the restaurant, we ran into three other foodies who had already decided the improvement was significant.

One improvement, besides the food worth mentioning, is that the restaurant offers valet parking some evenings now. Use it. Otherwise, like me, you'll end up paying $7 to park at the Texaco lot nearby. Parking in Virginia-Highland has become a nightmare generally.

As for the food, we did find it much improved. An antipasto platter included a killer selection of meats and cheeses with nice surprises like caper berries ($10.95). Even the olive tasting ($2.50) has improved, with a better and more generous selection. Caesar salad ($4.95) was delicious if over-dressed. Nobody should fail to order the bruschetta ($5.95) made with a decent ciabatta topped with black tapenade, white beans and, my favorite, simple tomatoes and peppers.

Entrées, though beautifully plated, were not quite as consistent. The kitchen seems to excel with fish dishes. Wayne's seared cod, served with soft polenta and a tomato-basil compote, was one of my favorite dishes on the table ($14.95). Herb-crusted tuna ($17.95) was a bit overcooked for our taste. It was served with parsleyed new potatoes, green beans and a salad of tomatoes, olives, capers and onions.

I asked the chef to prepare the dish he considers his best. I was presented zuppa di pesce ($17.95), and I indeed thought it was the best dish on the table. A straightforward serving of clams, mussels, shrimp, scallops and fish, my bowl included a shallow serving of fragrant tomato broth and lots of linguine. Order it and ask for a bit more broth.

My reach did not extend far enough to the end of the table to get more than a small taste of Luis Maza's grilled pork chop ($15.95), but I was impressed. Big pork chops are making a comeback all over town and most of them are dry and uninspired. Tavola's rocks.

We were less impressed with risotto and pastas. The risotto, a special with mushrooms, was bland and the pasta seemed too oily. Lulu and I were particularly disappointed in the ricotta- and sage-filled ravioli ($13.95) because we'd heard it so admiringly described by others. The large sheets of pasta were tender, the filling was fresh, but it was all under too much butter and reggiano.

We finished with a warm piece of almond pastry topped with fresh fruit and ice cream — delectable and eaten in a flash. So, we ordered a second round of it only to find the pastry rather stale.

Overall, though, I am impressed with the improvements. It is good to see a restaurant really strive to improve itself.

Here and there

Where did Wayne want to go for his recent birthday dinner? To **Bien Thuy**, still Atlanta's best Vietnamese restaurant by far. I always recommend diners go here and tell the owner, Suzanne, to serve whatever strikes her fancy. Of course, Wayne refuses to dine here if the meal doesn't feature a dish he invented when Bill Clinton was first elected. It's tofu cooked with lemon grass. He calls it "Hillary's Election Special." I much prefer the version made with chicken.

We returned to **Ann's Snack Bar** on Memorial recently. Miss Ann cooks the biggest and best burgers in town, although eating there leaves me feeling like a python that has devoured a small animal. I enjoyed a "gourmet burger" recently at the new **Thumbs Up Diner** on Edgewood, though its mushrooms were unpleasantly overcooked. This restaurant is operated by the owner of the old Thumbs Up that closed in Decatur a few years ago. It was one of the area's favorite breakfast spots and is back with a huge menu of breakfast dishes served throughout the day.

I still dine frequently at **In the Shade Café**, our city's best vegetarian restaurant. But I have to admit that the restaurant's dinner menu is getting stale. I enjoy the occasional specials, but it's time for a menu redo, folks. ●

Our critics' guide to Atlanta restaurants **good eats**

American

Aria, 490 E. Paces Ferry Road, 404-233-5208. After yet another redesign, the former Hedgerose Heights is being repositioned as a Buckhead-casual hangout for young, hot entrepreneurs and similarly questing fast-trackers. Gerry Klaskala's accomplished American cuisine — slow-cooked chicken and beef, soups, grilled meats — and Kathryn King's dreamy desserts more than make up for the half-baked, weirdly erotic décor by Bill Johnson Studio. —*EM*

Bacchanalia, 1198 Howell Mill Road, at Huff Road, 404-365-0410. The city's best restaurant has moved across town and lost not an atom of energy. At once modernist and classicist, the California-influenced cuisine of owner-chefs Clifford Harrison and Anne Quatrano is based on solid technique, simple presentation and fresh, first-quality ingredients. The spare industrial setting fits the food like beurre blanc on fish, while the service, wines and physical comforts leave little to be desired. Star Provisions, the team's upscale boutique, serves as a combination waiting room, culinary classroom and take-home larder. Don't miss it. —*EM.*

Breadgarden, 549-5 Amsterdam Ave., 404-875-1166. A quiet bakery with a lot of great combine-it-yourself sandwiches and a few mediocre ones too (look for sog potential). Try the foccacia pizza loaded up with roasted vegetables and plenty of garlic. One of the best chocolate tortes in town can be found here too. —*SL*

Cabernet, 5575 Windward Parkway, at Ga. 400, Alpharetta 770-777-5955. At this suburban steakhouse modeled on Morton's, Ruth's Chris, Chops and such, the showy surroundings, considerable investment, trained staff and conceptual grandiosity promise much in the way of fine dining, wining and expense-account high times. The promises are mostly kept. Despite salt levels like those of the Dead Sea, prime steaks, lump crab cakes, sumptuous soups and salads are mostly worth the elevated prices asked. —*EM.*

Canoe, 4199 Paces Ferry Road NW, 770-432-2663. Oh, to be up a creek without a paddle here! Cozying up to the banks of the Chattahoochee, Canoe is one of the loveliest restaurants in town, and Chef Gary Mennie's New American fare is top-notch. Be sure to make reservations — this showboat's popular. — *SSS*

City Grill, 50 Hurt Plaza, 404-524-2489. Located in the historic Hurt building, this is one of the most beautiful dining rooms in the city. The New American fare at this most elegant Peasant Group restaurant has been up and down over the years. You could get lucky. — *SSS*

Corner Café, Buckhead Bread Co., 3070 Piedmont Road NE, 404-240-1978. Breads, muffins, pastries and service are better than ever. Sandwiches (egg salad, chicken club, portobello mushroom) are among the city's overstuffed best. Opens early for breakfast. — *EM*

The Earl, 488 Flat Shoals Road, East Atlanta, 404-522-3950. This menu offers the traditional bar food assemblage, plus healthier alternatives including four vegetarian sandwiches. Burgers are big 'n' beefy and the steak sandwich can't be beat. All sandwiches come with a choice of house salad, red beans and rice, baked potato, fries, pasta salad or beer-battered onion rings. Try the addictive skinny fries. — *SL*

Five Sisters Café, 2743 LaVista Road, 404-636-6060. Storefront with rumpus-room décor is neighborhood hub for suave sandwiches served by smiling staffers. — *EM*

Floataway Café, 1123 Zonolite Road NE, 404-892-1414. A Southern Chez Panisse from the creators of super popular Bacchanalia with exquisite, inventive dishes made from fresh, often organic ingredients. The stylishly retro décor fits the former-factory setting too well. — *E.M.*

The Flying Biscuit Café, 1655 McLendon Ave., 404-687-8888. This Candler Park restaurant, offering affordable, highly uneven cuisine, had an enormous impact on the city's dining scene when it opened a few years ago. It is still one of the best values in town. The cuisine is New American with just the right touch of levity. — *CBB*

Harvest, 853 N. Highland Ave., 404-876-8244. Matching arts-and-crafts furniture, vases, flowers, fireplaces, dramatic curtains and a comfy bar make the Craftsman-style bungalow the perfect venue for chef Justin Ward's weekday lunch service. Alas, as has been true since the restaurant's January 1996 debut, the contemporary American cooking is still wildly uneven. — *EM*

Heaping Bowl and Brew, 469 Flat Shoals Ave., 404-523-8030. This restaurant in East Atlanta prepares inexpensive, wholesome food with occasional outré touches. It almost always works. But dining here is enjoyable because of the convivial ambiance. Perogies, greens, beans and stew are recommended. — *CBB*

Highland Wraps & Pizza Kitchen, 1250 Virginia Ave., 404-872-2562. A mostly takeout operation in the Virginia-Highland neighborhood, this storefront charmer produces decidedly Americanized, albeit notably tasty meat and vegetarian burritos and tacos. — *EM*

In the Shade Café, inside the Wish-Fulfilling Tree Bookstore, 2329 Cheshire Bridge Road, 404-634-7411. Juices, sandwiches and light noshes are all fresh and delicious. Plus you get your spiritual high from sniffing the nearby incense. — *CBB*

Insignia, Chastain Square, 4279 Roswell Road, 404-256-4040. Accomplished Pacific Rim and American regional cuisine, plus a useful wine list draws customers willing to pay healthy prices. Proprietor David Abes and chef Pete Pavesic are well-trained graduates of Horseradish Grill, Buckhead Diner and the Atlanta Fish Market. The new venture includes a smokers' porch and a cadre of knowledgeable, enthusiastic servers. — *EM*

Java Jive, 790 Ponce de Leon Ave., 404-876-6161. "The Cup That Pleases" definitely lives up to its name. The rich, faintly nutty cups of coffee accompany from-scratch biscuits, pecan or gingerbread waffles and well-stuffed omelets and veggie scrambles. Service is personable, reliable and unobtrusive. — *SL*

Mumbo Jumbo, 89 Park Place, 404-523-0330. Located in a treasure of a building, this bar/lounge/restaurant is a visual feast. And the New American cuisine, as interpreted by Chef Shaun Doty, ain't bad either. Globally and seasonally influenced, the menu always changes often. You also can rely on an interesting crowd, from oh-so-chic to far-out. — *SSS*

Murphy's, 997 Virginia Ave., 404-872-0904. This airy French-doored deli-and-beyond is always crowded — breakfast, lunch and dinner. Omelets and muffins are good, and soups and sandwiches are usually fresh. If the lines are too long, there's always takeout. — *SSS*

North Highland Pub, 469 N. Highland Ave., 404-522-4600. This Poncey-Highland joint features an impressively large menu, imported and on-tap beer and a plethora of tunes on the jukebox. Of note is the Bacon Swiss Guacamole Burger, cooked to a perfect medium and served on a sesame seed bun. Onion rings, beating out the fries, are a delicious companion. Sizable salads are worth a whirl, too. — *SL*

The Palm, 3391 Peachtree Road NE, 404-814-1955. Steak and lobster are the name of the game at this expense-account eatery in Buckhead's Swissôtel. Clubby attire is enhanced by the restaurant group's schtick — caricatures of famous faces peering down on those who go to see and be seen. — *SSS*

Park 75, Four Seasons Hotel Atlanta, 75 14th St. NE, 404-881-9898. Rich, well-constructed New American cuisine in a luxury setting with prices to match. Initial menus from executive chef Brooke Vosika — transplanted from the extraordinary Four Seasons Olympic Hotel in Seattle — are particularly strong on soups and seafood. — *EM*

The Roman Lily Café, 688 Highland Ave., 404-653-1155. Calavino Donati and her buzz-headed staff in overalls are serving killer contemporary American diner food and a great experience in this storefront restaurant. Meatloaf with a tequila-jalapeño gravy and scallops with baked polenta and wild mushrooms are fave dishes. But salads and sandwiches are tasty, too. Reservations are accepted (and necessary) on weekends. — *CBB*

Sage, 121 Sycamore St., Decatur, 404-373-5574. With no pretensions beyond generic American-bistro food and ambience, the Courthouse Square-area baby sister to Le Giverny offers hefty portions, modest prices, decent if spotty cooking, wide-ranging wine list and warm, welcoming service by a mostly female staff. — *EM*

San Francisco Wraps, 8725 Roswell Road, Dunwoody, 770-993-3999; 2160 N. Decatur Road, Decatur, 404-320-9111. Best local effort since Tortillas on Ponce (and, arguably, Great Western Burrito Co.) to produce a variety of burrito-style wraps with plenty of flavor and minimal attitude. — *EM*

Stoney River, 10524 Alpharetta Highway, at Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell, 678-461-7900. The mainstream runs through this steaks-and-sushi dinner house from the creators of Brookwood Grill. The wilderness lodge décor, upbeat service and decent sushi bar are much superior to the salty, overseasoned American food. No reservations. Expect long waits at prime hours. — *EM*

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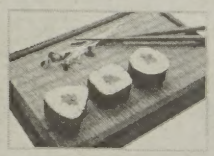

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Sambuca Jazz Café hosts Salsa Thursdays featuring the Latin jazz and salsa tunes of World Mambo Mission. 3102 Piedmont Road. 404-237-5299.

Tom Cook, Shaun Doty and Brent Persall, the new owners of **Mumbo Jumbo**, host a Spanish-themed happy hour Fridays with Barcelona-style tapas and Latin DJs. 89 Park Place. 404-523-0330.

Nathaniel's presents the "After Work Traffic Jam," a party on the patio featuring live jazz by Damien Cartier and his My Newt Orchestra every Thurs. and Fri. from 5:30-7:30 p.m. 1949 Powers Ferry Road. 770-955-1464.

Toulouse Restaurant hosts a wine tasting on Aug. 20 featuring selections from Cain, Kistler, Truchard and other producers taken from the cellar of wine guy Michael Gallant. 2293 Peachtree St. 404-351-9533.

Casbah Moroccan Restaurant welcomes Aziz, one of the best male belly-dancers in America for a Bohemian performance and feast Aug. 25 and 26. Seatings at 7 and 9 p.m. $30 for three-course meal and performance. 465 N. Highland. 404-524-5777.

Openings

Benihana, the international chain of Japanese restaurants, has reopened its remodeled Buckhead location with 18 new hibachi tables and 1,690 square foot sushi bar. Mon.-Thurs. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-10 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 5:30-11 p.m., Sun. 4-10 p.m. $17-$36. 2143 Peachtree Road. 404-355-8565.

Maggiano's Little Italy opened its second Atlanta location at Perimeter Mall. The family-style Italian restaurant serves an array of pastas, soups, salad, seafood, chicken, steaks and more. 4400 Ashford-Dunwoody Road. Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri.-Sat. 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 770-804-3313.

Classes

Vino! presents "Wine Wise" classes taught by *Atlanta Wine Report* columnist Ophelia Santos on the fundamentals of Italian and Spanish wines and popular grape varieties on Aug. 18. 5-7 p.m. $40. Peach Shopping Center, 2900 Peachtree Road. 404-816-0511.

La Tavola's Heath Miles shares the secrets of a few Italian favorites. Learn the basics of cooking risotto and making potato gnocchi Aug. 22 from 7-9 p.m. at the Cook's Warehouse. $35. 549-1 Amsterdam Ave. 404-815-4993.

This and that

J.D. Rothschild has expanded operations and changed the name of his restaurant to **Jake's**. The gelateria will now serve sandwiches, soups and salads prepared with homemade mustards and dressings sold in the adjacent specialty food shop. The Brown Sugar Vanilla and Chocolate Slap Yo Mama ice creams, as well as other flavors, are still available. 676 Highland Ave. 404-581-0420.

Wyndham Atlanta welcomes Patrick Gebrayel as the new executive chef at its Caliterra restaurant that specializes in a fusion of California and Italian cuisine. New menu items will include sautéed soft-shell crab with scallions and roasted garlic mayonnaise and grilled loin of lamb with baby spinach, Cerignola olives and balsamic vinegar. 160 Spring St. 678-686-3370.

Il Localino, formerly Trattoria Il Localino, has undergone a transformation in the kitchen and the dining room. The space formerly occupied by Johnny's Pizza is now a dining room with full-service bar. New chef Sean Moran will serve traditional Italian comfort food influenced heavily by Mediterranean flavors. 467 N. Highland. 404-222-0650.

Opentable.com, the San Francisco-based company offering online reservations with instant confirmation, is now offered in Atlanta. Participating restaurants include Van Gogh's, City Grill, Sotto Sotto, Mumbo Jumbo, Marra's Grill, Prime, Vino!, Aria, Toulouse and more. Log on to www.opentable.com for information. ◆

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Sweet Tomatoes, 6350 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, 770-913-0203; 1125 Barrett Parkway, Kennesaw, 770-429-5522; 3505 Mall Blvd., Duluth, 770-418-1148. Pizza, spuds, soups and about half the greenery are worth their weight in calories and cholesterol at units of this San Diego, Calif.-based buffet chain aimed at families and office workers. Atmosphere is bright and upbeat, prices reasonable. — *EM*

Vortex Bar and Grill, 438 Moreland Ave., LSP, 404-688-1828; and 878 Peachtree St., 404-875-1667. Funky atmosphere, loud music, enormous selection of bottled beers and some of the best and biggest burgers in town. Black bean soup and homestyle pimento cheese are excellent, too. — *EM*

Watershed, 406 W. Ponce de Leon Ave., Decatur, 404-378-4900. The combination restaurant, wine bar, package store, gift shop and takeout counter holds wonders aplenty. Offerings change daily. A slice of fish, a mound of creamed potatoes, a bowl of some unusual pasta may be heaven on toast points today, history tomorrow. Luckily the salads and sandwiches (beets, shrimp, roast pork) and desserts (pecan tart, apple cake, chocolate cake, macaroons) are fairly constant in both their excellence and availability. — *EM*

Continental

Babette's Café, 471 N. Highland Ave., 404-523-9121. Situated between Inman Park and Virginia-Highland, this lovely café escapes both glib trendiness and Martha Stewartness. The dining room is romantic and homey. Herb-crusted lamb chops, risotto specials, fried oysters atop a dill biscuit are recommended. Desserts are killer. — *CBB*

Eclipse di Luna, 764 Miami Circle, 404-846-0449. Paul Luna and James Ehrlich have created one of the most pleasant dining rooms in town. Lunch features delicious sandwiches, soups and quiches; evenings offer a tapas menu that is the best in town. Little Spanish-style marinated ribs, grilled octopus, skewered prawns and luscious Manilla clams are among the offerings. — *CBB*

Seeger's, 111 W. Paces Ferry Road NW, 404-846-9779. Beard Award-winning chef Guenter Seeger's new stand features resourceful contemporary-continental cuisine, small portions, prix fixe menus with big prices, elegant service and a minimalist postmodern decorative scheme that fits the food like sauce over fish. Reservations recommended on weekends. — *EM*

Italian

Antica Posta, 519 E. Paces Ferry Road, 404-262-7112. At the former Riviera, French cuisine has been replaced by Tuscan specialties such as superb risottos and superior but simply prepared seafood and seasonal vegetables. Prices are down, and so is the glitz factor. Service and comforts are still first-rate, making this a special occasion destination as well as a place to enjoy the kind of Italian food served in Italy, not New York. — *EM*

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Aromi, 1025 Virginia Ave. NE, 404-607-0220. With a brightly lit neon store front just a few doors east of the Virginia-Highland intersection, Aromi has sweets, coffee, gelato crepes and panini. Gelato flavors include peach, raspberry, lemon, banana, chocolate, vanilla, hazelnut, chocolate chip and more. Lightly press-grilled panini are served on foccacia and come with chips. And as if all this weren't enough lure — the coffee's great, too. — *SL*

Ciao Bella, 309 Pharr Road, 404-261-6013. Simplicity is the approach here. Order big, white bowls of perfect pastas — with wild mushrooms or mussels and anchovies. Prices are low, the crowd is convivial and the staff is thoroughly Italian. — *CBB*

Cipollini, 1529 Piedmont Ave., 404-875-5001. John Carver, formerly of Pricci, has taken over saucy Ciboulette and its talented chef de cuisine, Ofer Ayal. The haute bistro dining room sports a clean, spare, *faux marbre* makeover that's in tune with modern Italian design. Cooking is updated Italian-American; with salads, pastas (especially *strazzopreti*, "priest stranglers," thin tubes with veal sauce) and meat entrées making the biggest impression. — *EM*

Eno, 800 Peachtree St. at Fifth, 404-685-3191. Conceived as an extremely comfortable laboratory where food and drink pairings may be explored, Doug Strickland's and Jamie Adams' Mediterranean bistro could raise the standards of corporate Atlanta's drinking classes. Food is fashionably Cal-Italian — lots of olives, olive oil, fruit, fresh fish and seasonal ingredients. The cooking is first rate, the crowd Midtown hot. Sidewalk tables, wine room, tastings featured. — *EM*

Fratelli di Napoli, 2101 Bennett St., 404-351-1533; 928 Canton St., Roswell, 770-642-9917. Big-deal, super-size takes on Little Italy specializing in home-style platters serving two to four. Chicken with eggplant, spinach salad with gorgonzola dressing and tiramisu are standouts. Dinner nightly. Reservations for six or more. — *EM*

Grappa, 3097 Maple Drive, 404-262-9749. Soups and salads are best bets at this Tuscanized Buckhead bungalow inhabited by co-chefs Lynne Gigliotti (Gigliotti Culinary Concepts, Grapevine Café, Azio) and Christophe Vessaire (Resto des Amis, French Embassy, Washington, D.C.). Dinner only. — *EM*

La Grotta, 2637 Peachtree Road, 404-231-1368. This is one of Atlanta's longest-running fine dining experiences, evidenced by the '70s décor and Italian cuisine. Try the tuna carpaccio and the roasted quail stuffed with sausage. — *SSS*

Luna Si, 1931 Peachtree Road, 404-355-5993. Who'd think that "old faithful" and "cutting-edge" honestly could belong together? That's exactly so in this remarkably affordable restaurant with a strong contemporary Italian influence. Convivial and quirky themselves, the Luna brothers have created one of the city's most reliable choices. — *CBB*

Pastificio Cameli, 1263 Glenwood Ave. SE, 404-622-9926. Retro pasta parlor in East Atlanta gentrification zone offers delectable fresh pastas, salads and soups in stripped-back, contemporary surroundings. Deck and sidewalk tables offered in nice weather. Dinner only. — *EM*

The Patio, 1029 Edgewood Ave. (across from the Inman Park MARTA station), 404-584-8945. A killer redo of the old Deacon Burton spot, with an especially wonderful patio. Pastas and pizzas are the main fare. Inexpensive. — *CBB*

Savage Pizza, 484 Moreland Ave., 404-523-0500. Among the best local sources of real, hand-thrown, honest-to-Palermo pizza, this slightly bent independent in L5P is notable for fresh ingredients, homemade sauces and clever, knowing service. Wide selection of pizza toppings and calzone fillings. Good for takeout. Smokers' porch. — *EM*

Sotto Sotto, 313 N. Highland Ave., 404-523-6678. As a place to dine extremely well, see friends and plug into what people are talking about, Riccardo Ullio's Italian outpost in Inman Park hardly can be beat. Pastas, risotti and desserts are winners, as is the high-energy factor. — *EM*

Japanese

Nickiemoto's Midtown, Piedmont at 10th Street, 404- 253-2010. A clone of George Rohrig's Buckhead sushi bar, this fast-track watering hole is more remarkable for burnished metal décor and intown haircuts than for its Asian-American food. To dine well, keep two words in mind: fried (squid, soft-shell crab hotpot, catfish) and desserts (ginger creme brulée, Vietnamese coffee float). — *EM*

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Yokohama, 2221 Peachtree Road NE, 404-603-5282. Reconstituted neighborhood sushi parlor with all-purpose Japanese-American menu (noodles, tonkatsu, teriyaki steak, ice cream) fills an independent niche on a busy intown strip. Tender tempura squid is a tasty treasure. — *EM*

Moroccan

Casbah, 465 N. Highland Ave. NE, 404-524-5777. A fun place to take yourself, and not just for a special occasion, this comfy, affordable North Highland harem features belly dancing, notable sweet-spicy salads, first-rate couscous and more-or-less traditional versions of Moroccan poultry pie and lamb with apricots and honey. — *EM*

Imperial Fez, 2285 Peachtree Road, 404-351-0870. Atlanta's most luxurious interpretation of the Casbah, this carpet-lined, pillow-strewn hideaway serves authentic prix fixe Moroccan in a five-course ceremony complete with hand-washing and belly dancing. Take your shoes off and stay awhile. — *SSS*

Southern

Atlanta Grill, the Ritz-Carlton Atlanta, 181 Peachtree St., 404-221-6550. A clubby, semi-casual Southern steakhouse has replaced the once fiercely formal restaurant. Expensive grilled beef and super-size spuds are perhaps the most reliable offerings at this corporate attempt to please road warriors, conventioneers and expense-account hosts seven days a week, three meals a day. — *EM*

Blue Ridge Grill, 1261 W. Paces Ferry Road, 404-233-5030. Southern haute cuisine is served in a Ralph Lauren-ish mountain lodge setting; fresh-picked organic vegetables are family-style, and the Iron Skillet Georgia Trout and steaks are sublime. Take note, though: Organic ain't cheap. — *SSS*

Horseradish Grill, 4320 Powers Ferry Road NW, 404-255-7277. First-rate fried chicken, pork barbecue, mashed potatoes, savory greens, hot biscuits and traditional Southern desserts from rising-star chef Dave Berry are served in an elegant trophy room masquerading as a Chastain Park stable. Lovely outdoor tables can be requested in nice weather. — *EM*

Justin's, 2200 Peachtree St. NW, 404-603-5353. Rap dinner theater in the former Sfuzzi and Coco Pazzo features big smiles, gorgeously draped staff, moderately loud musical background static, otherworldly prices and formularized soul food of the warm-and-serve persuasion. — *EM*

Holyfield's New South Grill, 6075 Roswell Road, Sandy Springs, 404-531-0300. Yeah, that Holyfield. Boxing champ Evander wrote the checks. Nigerian-born John Akhile (Azalea, Waverly Grill) designed a fusion menu that's heavily weighted toward the Thai, Chinese and Italian aspects of contemporary Southern cooking. Good service and inconsistent kitchen work make it worth half a try. Outdoor tables available. — *EM*

Thelma's Kitchen, 764 Marietta St. NW, 404-688-5855. Thelma Grundy's venerable soul-food cafeteria appears to be coasting. After three years at the new stand, the lunchtime crowds are steady but the cooking — especially the once-marvelous fried chicken — is notably inconsistent. Worthwhile choices include fried catfish, sweet petatoes, mac-and-cheese and almost any form of beans. —*EM*

Thomas Marketplace, State Farmers Market, 16 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, 404-361-1367. Venerable purveyor of heirloom Southern cooking, hefty portions and down-home hospitality is among the Southside's best bets for traditional breakfasts, meat-and-two lunches and corn muffins. Fried chicken livers, grilled salmon, turnip greens and corn muffins recommended. Go elsewhere for barbecue. — *EM*

Vegetarian

Broadway Café, 2168 Briarcliff Road NE, 404-329-0888. Vegetarian fare, much of it kosher, can be inventive and quite tasty in this Druid Hills strip mall spot; who knew *faux* sausage could taste so good? — *SSS*

Harmony Vegetarian Chinese Restaurant, 4897 Buford Highway, Chamblee, 770-457-7288. Curry flavors (noodles, dumplings) and moo shu vegetable wraps are tops at this minimally decorated newcomer. Stick with greenery and skip the imitation beef and fish. — *EM*

Woodland Vegetarian Restaurant, 1080 Oaktree Road, Decatur, 404-321-6005. Larger and brighter than competing self-service Indian restaurants, this newcomer near Market Square Mall specializes in stuffed, topped and sauced pancakes and crepes. An affordable lunch buffet Tues.-Sun. is another good way to jump right in. — *EM*

Vietnamese

Song Long, 4166 Buford Highway, 404-320-9772. Bright star among a galaxy of Asian newcomers in Oriental Mall (the former Outlet Square), this Vietnamese specialist features eager-to-please staffers, budget prices, music videos and an extraordinarily complete menu. Don't miss the cha gio (Vietnamese fried spring rolls) with lettuce and herb leaf wrappers, or the various rice-noodle soups. No credit cards. — *EM* ◆

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last, I enjoyed Parmesan-crusted, sautéed Oregon petrale sole with capers and lemon sections. The boneless fillet was moist, flaky and sweet (but not overly so) inside its tight, tasty crust. The portion at dinner was ample, not truckload-size, at a reasonable price ($15.95; $10.25 at lunch). Grilled Atlantic salmon from the Bay of Fundy, Maine, served atop a Northwest berry sauce, though overly dry around the edges, was also fresh tasting, flavorful and easy to like at the price ($9.95 at lunch).

Grilled Idaho rainbow trout, on the other hand, was worth eating only when separated from its overcoat, a clear, butter-like wash that tasted mostly of salt. Like the salmon and the sole, this boneless, skin-on double fillet was *fully* cooked — what I think of as "not quite dry but getting there." ($14.45; $9.60 at lunch). Fans of lightly cooked and medium-rare fish may want to specify the degree of doneness desired when ordering.

Plates came with crisp julienne carrots, thin asparagus spears with notable crunch and mashed potatoes that were watery and flavorless one time, buttery and delicious the next. (Rice is said to accompany some entrées but I never saw any.) Grocery store-type sourdough bread might be improved by warming.

The most expensive entrée I tried, Dungeness Crab Louis salad, was also the least satisfying ($17.95). The fresh crab from the Pacific was carefully picked over and moderately sweet. By themselves, or with mustard mayonnaise, cocktail sauce or lemon and melted butter, the lumps and flakes of crab might have been fine. But the spicy, mayo-type dressing didn't suit the meat. The heavily dressed Iceberg lettuce (plus hard-boiled egg, sliced cucumber and ripe tomato wedges) was at odds with the crab's topping. And the portion was much too large for one person at lunch.

Salads do not appear to be McCormick & Schmick's strong point. A sorry excuse for a Caesar combined limp Romaine lettuce, chemical-tasting dressing, shredded dry cheese that might have been Kraft's and stone-hard croutons that reminded me of Pepperidge Farm kibbles.

A pan-fried oyster appetizer with creamy, delectable tartar sauce was more satisfactory than either of these ($7.25 for about eight oysters). The oysters were crisp on the outside, still wet within, cooked *just enough*. Gazpacho dribbled with basil and tomato oil was not too spicy, not too cold, not too anything ... just boring and acceptable ($1.85 cup, $2.65 bowl).

McCormick & Schmick's first Atlanta unit, though built from scratch and solidly suburban, looks traditional and urban in the way that Bone's and the Atlanta Fish Market look traditional and urban. The visual references are mostly East Coast and down South, not Portland or Seattle. Southernisms, all laid on with a lavish hand, include Georgia stacked sandstone, white columns and Tiffany-style chandeliers and domes with dogwood, peach and brown thrasher motifs. Give or take a stained-glass trout or two, the restaurant could as easily serve as a high-end steakhouse, Tuscan grill or upscale pizza kitchen.

A fortune has clearly been spent on the place. Velvet drapes line the entries to privacy booths (called snuggeries by the company). Reservations are accepted. Heavy glass tumblers and flatware, white tablecloths and servers dressed in cotton Pullman-waiters' jackets all suggest rectitude, old-fashioned values and the American Way.

Given the political campaigns just gearing up, this approach should appeal mightily to people who vote with their forks. Sonny bubbas included. ◆

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant, 600 Ashwood Parkway, 770-399-9900. Mon.-Fri. 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 4-11 p.m. Dinner entrées range in price from $9.95-$29.95. Cash and credit cards accepted.

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dishes, like samosas (2 for $2.50), a deep-fried pastry stuffed with potatoes and peas; and vegetable pakora ($2.75), a chickpea, spinach and onion fritter.

More unusual items include pantra ($2.99) — taro root spread with chickpea paste and topped with coconut and cilantro. Though lovingly prepared, it was deemed an acquired taste by my dining partner.

One winning appetizer that a friend turned me on to was the Bhel puri ($2.99): puffed rice (think Rice Krispies), puri pieces, baked potato and onions with a zingy cilantro, green pepper, garlic chutney.

Other delights on the menu include soups, snacks, drinks (which include a few varieties of lassi) and a stunning array of desserts.

Indian Delights is the kind of dining experience every reluctant vegetarian should be encouraged to explore. It's the kind of place that makes you realize a meal without meat doesn't have to be dull or unfulfilling. ◆

Indian Delights, 1707 Church St., Scott Village Shopping Center, Decatur. 404-296-2965.Open Tues.-Thurs. 11:30 a.m-8p.m., Fri. 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. noon-9 p.m., Sun. noon-8 p.m. Entrées range in price from $4.49-$6.75. Cash and Checks accepted.

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Remembering Tammy

The cover-up of the Bakkers continues

BY CLIFF BOSTOCK

Get old enough and life turns the tables on you in the strangest ways. That was my reaction a couple of years ago when a movie turned vulgarian Larry Flynt, for whom I worked years ago, into a First Amendment hero.

Now another film, *The Eyes of Tammy Faye*, has turned one more dubious figure from my past into a heroine. The film manages to sanitize Tammy Faye's story of its central sexual theme.

Flash back 20 years and find me in the final year of an addiction to alcohol and marijuana. One of my fondest pleasures of the time, having no access to true theater of the absurd in Atlanta, was to fire up a joint and switch on the "PTL Club," the enormously popular show featuring televangelists and marionette-look-alikes Jim Bakker and wife Tammy Faye.

I became entranced by this pair's absurd nouveau-evangelism. It had more phony emotionalism than a Mexican soap opera and, of course, more make-up than Evita's corpse. I ordered Tammy Faye's dreadful books, with their stories of Chihuahuas struck dead by Jesus for peeing on Tammy's drapes.

At the time I was under contract with *Atlanta Weekly*, the Sunday magazine supplement to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. For a year I begged my editors to send me to Heritage USA to write a story about Tammy and PTL. Not long after I quit drinking and smoking dope, I was given the OK to visit undercover.

Believe me, there was a huge difference in sitting at home watching Tammy Faye with a joint in my hand and sitting in her audience stone-cold sober while everyone but me held their hands aloft "touching God" and mumbling "thankew, Jesus." I shocked myself by raising my own hands to fit in.

There was the afternoon I took a swim in the huge pool. I dove in the deep end and, swimming to the shallow end, found myself in the middle of a mass baptism. Bakker sidekick "Uncle Henry" grabbed me and baptized me before I knew what hit me. I attended a seminar in which we were taught to speak in tongues. Apparently the angels speak in a language quite similar to the chorus of that old song, "The Purple People Eater."

Alas, too, I was caught stealing prayer requests from the big bin in the Upper Room at PTL. (Apparently, God has time to dispatch new tires and better work schedules to the devout.) I was chastised for my pilfering and spent 10 minutes on my knees with an attendant asking God's forgiveness.

Realize that my visit was before the big scandals broke, though the IRS had begun some investigations. I went to PTL to write a piece on the experience as surreal theater. But to my considerable shock, I encountered PTL's dark side nearly as soon as I arrived. Jim Bakker warmed up his audiences with a spiteful bashing of reporters. Tammy Faye's infamous mascara-dissolving tears were clearly calculated, and it was obvious she was heavily drugged, too.

It got worse. Exploring Charlotte's nightlife, I met several gay men who worked at PTL and told me intimate details of Jim Bakker's bisexual life, particularly with his bi buddy and fellow evangelist John Wesley Fletcher, who arranged the infamous Jessica Hahn threeway. (You do remember it was a threeway, don't you?) I also learned that Tammy had an affair with singer Gary Paxton and that Jim had tracked them down to a motel in Nashville where he was alleged to have wielded a gun. And, of course, I gleaned early rumblings of the fraud scandal that had yet to break in the national media.

I returned to Atlanta and wrote my findings — actually toning them down quite a bit. The paper had already begun promoting the story heavily as a kind of quirky celebrity profile. You can imagine my shock when an editor called me and told me that they could not run the story as I'd written it. They asked me to re-write it, to further tone it down, thus deferring the chance to break the scandal that erupted a few years later.

I felt quite vindicated when the fraud scandal broke, though the sexy stuff was not initially reported. A friend who worked at a national magazine called me and I agreed to sell them my original manuscript. Meantime, though, another reporter called me after getting wind of my original story and interviewed me about it. Naively, I had no suspicion of his intentions. Basically, he flew to Charlotte the next day, verified everything I told him and broke some more of the dirt (ruining the sale of my original manuscript).

And now, about 15 years later, Tammy Faye and Jim have turned into forgiven camp figures and victims of Jerry Falwell. The media once again are participating in a tidy revisioning of a story that could have been used to demonstrate what really lies behind puritanical, fundamentalist agendas. It's not just political and economic ambition. It's also denial of actual pleasure and sexual truth, the weird appetites to which all of us, including the holy, are heir. If Tammy Faye is a gay icon, as endless reviewers suggest, it's partly because the film about her, with the media's complicity, still keeps the whole truth in a closet. ◆

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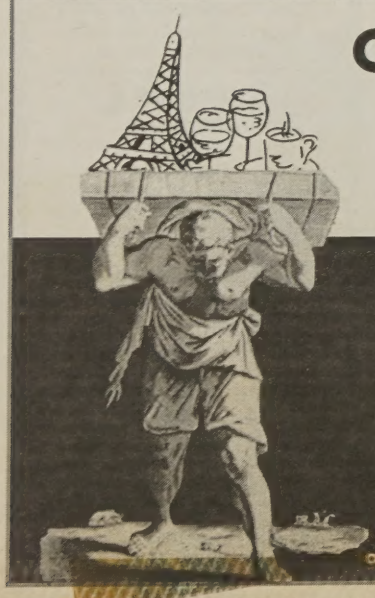

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): I get my financial guidance from an ex-Charles Schwab broker who is now a loincloth-wearing witch doctor. He often ends his consultations with a dirty yet spiritual joke. For my political education I go to a Jesuit-trained comedy writer who has had intimate relations with three members of Congress and two federal judges. An anarchist singer for an all-woman thrash band regularly provides me with advice about etiquette and ethics. What about you, Aries? This is prime time, astrologically speaking, for you to take inventory of your stable of helpers, teachers and counselors. If your team is too staid or uninspiring, reconfigure it so that it provides you with maximum fertility.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A Tibetan Buddhist sand painting can take weeks to construct. Artists work as a team, painstakingly laying out colored grains in precise designs on a large platform. Once finished, the masterpiece survives only a short time before its makers destroy it. I believe you Bulls will derive deliciously poignant rewards from pursuing this approach as you toil on your labor of love in the coming weeks. That's what the astrological oracles tell me, at least. I'm not saying you'll have to give up your beautiful creation when you're done, but I do believe the creation will be most beautiful if you nurture an appreciation for impermanence that is comparable to the sand painters'.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "Dear Dr. Brezsny, I dreamed you sent me an 88-page letter, pink sidewalk chalk, a glossy photo of Marat-Sade, a postcard of Machu Picchu and a sandwich made of bologna and yellow marigolds. The sandwich was yummy. But what does it all mean? That your gifts are like flowery bologna that tastes delicious? Also, what did the letter say and what was I supposed to do with the other stuff?" — Christian Crackwhore in Los Angeles. Dear Christian Crackwhore, I suspect that you aren't really a Christian crack whore and that you didn't really dream this dream. You made it all up, right? Hoping to mystify and delight me? Which you did. Thank you. I suggest you try similar tricks with everyone you care about, especially those who think they have you all figured out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It would be a good week to wear a diamond-studded baseball hat backwards to a formal party, play Twister in a museum, make condoms into water balloons and throw them at each other in a park after midnight, try to channel the spirit of Lucille Ball, dress vegetables up in doll clothes and start your collection of Pokémon cards. In other words, Cancerian, lighten up! (P.S. I also suggest you make liberal use of the following words: frothy, quiver, undulate, murmur, lather, effervesce, scintillate.)

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Planet Earth would be an icy desert if it weren't for the sun. Our day star's radiance is essential for the nourishment of every living thing. On the other hand, an excess of solar heat can be damaging — scorching crops, drying up rivers, causing skin cancer. As the only sign ruled by the sun, Leo, you possess small-scale versions of that dual power to vivify and wither — both of which are now at their peak. In the coming weeks, I suggest you carefully monitor tendencies to shine way too brightly. But don't you dare go too far and eclipse your own resplendence.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): I trust you're in the thick of finishing up old business, tying up loose ends and politely screaming, "Get the hell out of my life forever," at every influence that's unworthy of you. May I suggest that you bring it all to a roaring climax with a full-blown ritual? First thing you do is create an altar with objects that symbolize the new world you want to explore. Next, gather ten scraps of paper and write on each piece the name of someone or something you want to say goodbye or good riddance to. Finally, burn the scraps in the flame of a red candle as you intone the following words with sincere gratitude: "Thank you for what you've taught me, but I've learned all the lessons I can from you. Now scram."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): "Is it bad to live without a hell?" poet Pablo Neruda asks in *The Book of Questions*. There are thousands of correct answers. I'll offer those that are most true for you in this place and time. It would be very smart and healthy for you to live without a hell if you conceive of it as fundamentalist Christians do: a fiery abyss where souls are tortured for eternity. But let's visualize a "hell" cast in a different mythic image — as a sacred cave of rebirth presided over by the ancient Norse goddess Hel. In my opinion, it's insane to live without that kind of "hell" — especially in the coming days, when your soul will yearn to rekindle lost dreams and refresh itself with sweet, shadowy, sublime riddles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your clout has swelled in recent weeks. Your chutzpah has ripened nicely and your cajones have ... uh ....grown more impressive. Now you stand at a crossroads. Will you use your new authority to cultivate a rich consensus? Will you diplomatically curry favor so as to build your popularity, thereby making your power more useful and enduring? Or (Goddess forbid) will you throw your weight around with reckless insensitivity, like an ancient Greek hero in the thrall of raw hubris?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): At the beginning of the 20th century, two African-American leaders pushed for radically different responses to the intransigent cruelty of white culture. Booker T. Washington argued for a policy of accommodation, encouraging blacks to improve their lot gradually through education and hard work. W.E.B. Dubois, on the other hand, advocated agitation, protest and a demand for immediate equal rights. I don't feel qualified to judge which was the wiser approach, but I do sense that you Sagittarians have come to a fork in your own life that'll require you to emulate either Washington or DuBois. What'll it be, my dear? Slow and simmering or headlong and hard-line?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Composers of classical music weren't shy about ripping off riffs. Mozart lifted parts of Boccherini's String Quartet in C. Brahms' Cello Sonata in E Minor has echoes of a piece by Bernhard Romberg. In his *Sinfonia*, Luciano Berio pilfered from Mahler's Second Symphony. Ah, but here's the rub. Music critics have on occasion declared the parasitic work to surpass the original. Hans Keller asserted, for instance, that Mozart showed more brilliance in stealing Boccherini's theme than Boccherini did in inventing it. What does this have to do with you, Capricorn? From an astrological view, it's prime time to imitate Mozart. I advise you to appropriate every good idea you come across and make it your own, only better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Federal law allows food manufacturers to leave up to seven rodent hairs and 210 insect fragments in a jar of peanut butter. Any more than that and the stuff is considered unsanitary. While this appallingly low standard may cut it for peanut butter, however, it won't work for you in your own chosen sphere, Aquarius. More than any other time this year, your dedication to purity and excellence must be impeccable. Sloppy mediocrity should be your sworn enemy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): My Piscean friend Artemis was always afraid that having enough money would wreck her career as a poet. Being a starving artist, she believed, was a crucial stimulus for her creativity. Last spring, chaos struck: She unexpectedly received a sizable inheritance, plunging her into deep depression. Seeking a cure, she began traveling in Europe, which had previously been impossible for a person of her limited means. A few weeks into her journey, she erupted in a creative frenzy. Today she called from Amsterdam to tell me she has churned out a book-length manuscript of the best stuff she's ever written. I predict that an analogous blast of unruly abundance will soon come your way, Pisces, leading to the erosion of one of your long-cherished theories of scarcity. ◆

Homework: Let's all meet in the same dream while we're asleep on the night of Aug. 19. I propose that our all-night dream time rave take place on a beach on the northwest shore of Maui. See you there!

Just won't burn out

Susan Tedeschi crams a career's worth of blues before hitting 30

BY BRYAN POWELL

Jeff Bender

Susan Tedeschi

In November, Susan Tedeschi will turn 30, typically the first of many adult milestones at which people look back and survey how far they've traveled and how far they still hope to go. If Tedeschi pauses for such a retrospective pause — and given her schedule, it's not likely — one could forgive her a moment of wonder.

Since the February 1998 release of her album *Just Won't Burn* on the tiny Massachusetts blues label Tone-Cool Records, singer/songwriter/guitarist Tedeschi (pronounced Tuh-*des*-kee) has become a genuine music-industry phenomenon. She's toured on the Lilith Fair (where she sang duets with Sheryl Crow) and with the Allman Brothers, John Mellencamp and Bob Dylan. She played at Farm Aid last year, alongside Mellencamp, Neil Young, Dave Matthews and Willie Nelson and performed at VH-1's "The Concert of the Century for VH-1's Save the Music," alongside Eric Clapton, Aretha Franklin, Garth Brooks, Lenny Kravitz and others. She's also recorded with Nelson and with blues guitar icon Hubert Sumlin. She appeared on the late-night programs of David Letterman and Conan O'Brien and has earned praise from such diverse publications as *Billboard*, *Rolling Stone*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Guitar World* and *USA Today*. And earlier this year, she was nominated as Best New Artist at the 2000 Grammy Awards alongside Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Macy Gray and Kid Rock. Whew!

Although Tedeschi, who performs at Chastain Park Amphitheater Aug. 18-19 on a bill with B.B. King and Buddy Guy, says she's not surprised by her success, she is "really thankful and happy to be working. I've always enjoyed being involved with musicians," she says. "It's something I've done since I was little, and what I'm doing now is just a continuation of that, on a different level."

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The original rapper

Jamaican deejay U-Roy returns to toast this town

BY TODD DOMINEY

For some it was a revelation. For others it was an annoyance. The act of talking, shouting and rhyming over hit songs was a trick used by Jamaican deejays of the late '60s to not only raise the dance floor's temperature, but to out-maneuver their competition in a quest to be king of the turntables. Some deejays simply made noise while others elevated the act to an art form all its own.

Daddy U-Roy, born Ewart Beckfort, was one of those mavericks. With a freewheeling, at times giddy, demeanor, U-Roy would yelp, laugh and make up stories based on the vocal track of the source material he was spinning. Called toasting, a direct predecessor of modern rap, U-Roy's words provided an entertaining, thought-provoking counterpoint and commentary to the song's lyrics. His voice would slip, slide and leap out between verses, adding new flavor to well-worn ska and rock-steady classics of the day.

But what made U-Roy unique, besides his conscious and comedic style, was what came next. Through his friendship with King Tubby, one of the island's top record producers, U-Roy came to the attention of Duke Reid. It was Duke Reid's record label, Treasure Isle Records, that had released many of the hit singles U-Roy was using as his source material.

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A continuation, literally, in the sense that Tedeschi's been touring virtually nonstop for the past two or three years, to the point that she hasn't really had a home base until February, when she settled in Florida. Still, she adds, she's only been home for three weeks or so since then.

Sometime after her current six-night-a-week stint with King and Guy ends in October, Tedeschi will begin the process of recording her next album. When asked to elaborate, she's not forthcoming with details but does mention that she hopes to include some guest artists, potentially guitarists Jimmie Vaughan and/or Derek Trucks.

Atlanta blues guitarist Sean Costello played guitar on many of the tracks on her first album. Tedeschi moved to Atlanta briefly in 1998 after she and Costello became a couple, and he and his band became her touring band. The relationship was short-lived, however.

Tedeschi is a 1991 graduate of Boston's Berklee School of Music, where she sang in the gospel choir and played weddings and parties on the side to pay the bills. She began attending local blues jams and soon was gigging with Toni Lynn Washington's band. She formed her own group in 1993 and won the Boston Battle of the Bands a year later. That led to an appearance at the National Blues Talent Competition in Memphis, where she met Costello.

After releasing an independent CD, *Better Days*, in 1995, Tedeschi signed with Tone-Cool in April 1997, and *Just Won't Burn* hit the shelves in February 1998. The album has sold in the neighborhood of 400,000 units, having been picked up by Mercury Records and distributed by Island Def Jam. The album's success owes greatly to Tedeschi's skills as a vocalist — she's been compared to Bonnie Raitt and Janis Joplin, which says something about her expressive range — and as a songwriter. Despite being on a blues label, and despite her professed admiration for such blues guitarists as Freddie King, Magic Sam and (of younger vintage) Ronnie Earl, Tedeschi's music also encompasses a wide span of vintage R&B, gospel and roots rock. She owes as much to Etta James, Aretha Franklin, Dinah Washington and even Bob Marley as to any particular blues artist.

Tedeschi says she's never really considered herself a blues artist, anyway. "I don't think I ever have been [strictly a blues musician]," she says, "although I think I definitely play more blues than many people who call themselves blues artists now. My roots are in blues, in Bobby Bland, Etta James — that style. I think of them as soul artists, R&B artists. It's all the same, really."

She points to other contemporary blues artists, such as Bernard Allison, whose music includes large doses of other styles, such as '70s R&B and funk by Sly Stone and others. "People don't live on the plantations any more, they don't come from a culture where blues is very ... pure," she says, pausing to search for the right word. "Nowadays, when you hear blues, there are so many records it could be influenced by. Blues nowadays is an extension of all those forms of music." ◆

Susan Tedeschi performs at the B.B. King Blues Festival, Aug. 18-19 at Chastain Park Amphitheater. Show time is 6 p.m. Tickets are $21-53, available through Ticketmaster.

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Sensing an opportunity, Reid recorded U-Roy's antics and pressed new singles in 1969. The songs, including his classic version of Anton Ellis' "Girl I've Got a Date" — renamed "Wake the Town" — ignited Jamaica's dancehalls. U-Roy would earn his place in reggae history as the first deejay who successfully brought the deejay toasting style to the record business.

Radio station programmers, however, were unimpressed initially. U-Roy's singles were viewed as nothing more than a cheap gimmick to sell records by repackaging old hits with new lyrics. But the tide of public opinion quickly shifted his way, and U-Roy's singles were accepted as a natural extension of the original material. By 1970, U-Roy had three singles, "Wake the Town," "This Station Rules the Nation" and "Wear You to the Ball," in the top three positions on the Jamaican radio charts.

Enough singles were recorded to release his first LP, *Version Galore*, also on Treasure Isle, which would inspire legions of young, toasting deejays, including I-Roy, Big Youth and the bombastic Dennis Alcapone. Hit songs by the Wailers, the Diamonds, the Gladiators and many others received the U-Roy treatment: dancing, joking and telling personal stories around the prerecorded rhythms.

As quickly as he rose to the top however, U-Roy fell out of public favor. A newer, slower form of the rock steady sound, known as reggae, consumed popular tastes (in addition to the rough and tough 'rude boy' scene). Toasting was still alive, but this time it was in the hands of a younger generation of artists.

After a handful of years away from the biz, U-Roy returned with a vengeance in the late '70s with what some believe is his greatest achievement to date, the album *Dread Ina Babylon*. Featuring the hit single (and eventual signature song) "Chalice in the Palace" — a reworked version of the Mighty Diamonds' "Queen Majesty" — it was U-Roy's first release for Virgin Records and his first widely available LP outside Jamaica. Numerous platinum-selling albums would follow.

But after successful tours of Africa, the U.S. and Europe, U-Roy once again disappeared into the shadows during most of the 1980s. Ironically, it was a crucial time period for the sounds he helped invent — dancehall reggae and its U.S. outgrowth, rap — as they exploded in popularity around the world.

Today, three decades have passed since "Wake the Town" changed not only the face of Jamaican music but of popular music everywhere. In the '90s, a successful series of reissue albums from his enormous back catalog helped further sustain his unmistakable voice, comedic gesturing and conscious lyrics for new generations. Performing once again, U-Roy is at the controls of his sound system — performing in dancehalls throughout Jamaica and bringing his toasts overseas to wake this town as well. ◆

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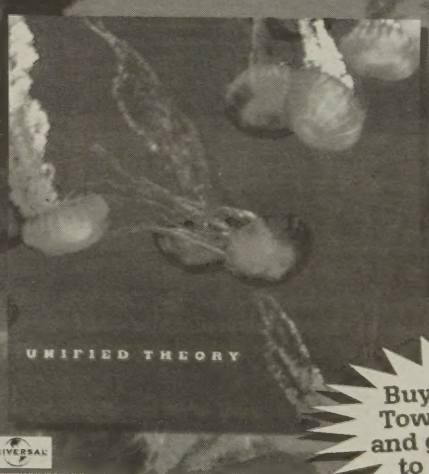

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Project/Object keeps Zappa's legacy alive

BY JAMES KELLY

When Frank Zappa died of cancer in 1993, he left behind a massive collection of recorded works, ranging from straight-ahead doo-wop recorded in the late '50s to full-blown orchestral symphonies and just about everything in between. Best remembered by the general public as a musical eccentric whose most popular songs were about "Valley Girls" and "Yellow Snow," Zappa was also an extremely complex and talented composer who was light years ahead of the times. He used his music as a forum to express his views on politics and contemporary culture through scathing satire. But beneath his irreverence was a deep humanism, the bravery to challenge boundaries in the name of freedom of speech and an incredible musical ability.

It has become the mission of a number of Zappa's loyal fans to carry on his work, and several tribute bands currently exist. Some are composed of former members of his group, the Mothers of Invention, such as the Banned from Utopia and the Grandmothers. Others consist of devoted fans, such as the U.K.'s Muffin Men and New Jersey's Project/Object.

Over the past 10 years, Project/Object has occasionally shared the stage with former members of Zappa's band, and the current tour finds longtime Zappa band member Ike Willis joining regular Project/Object members Andre Cholmondeley, Rick Bartow, Jeff Breedlove, Wes Paich and Mumbo. "We all love Zappa's music, and a lot of folks who are into improvisational and experimental music don't really know about him," Cholmondeley says. "It's kind of a mission."

Cholmondeley identifies two particular groups of people who he hopes the Project/Object performances will reach: younger audiences who are not aware of Zappa's legacy and older people who have a distorted view of what he did. "There was a backlash from some people in the jazz and rock worlds who think he was just a goofy guy, or a dirty old man. I think he was an absolute serious American composer, and what recognition he did get was not enough."

Willis, who was in Zappa's band longer than any other player, is also devoted to keeping the memory of his close friend alive. "Working with Frank was lots of fun; there were lots of laughs but a lot of hard work," he says. "He was very demanding — practice, practice, practice. He had no compunctions about different styles of music; he wanted to do what sounded good to his ears. When we were spoofing — incorporating current political and social events into the music — songs would change from day to day. Whatever was going on in the world, Frank would hear about it, tell us and we would laugh for an hour, then get to work on fitting it into the songs."

Some of Zappa's most powerful and hilarious compositions grew out of the Congressional hearings on music censorship in the mid-'80s, sparked by a young Tipper Gore. According to Willis, "In 1985, all that stuff with the Congressional wives was going on, and it gave us ammunition for some great material. People had to be apprised of what was going on, and Frank spread that information through the music. He promoted a big voter registration drive at all our concerts in 1988, and I believe we registered between 250,00 and 500,000 new voters."

Cholmondeley describes a Project/Object show in similar terms. "Zappa wrote some amazing and complex music, and over the last couple of years people are shocked at how we are able to pull it off. We don't shy away from the hard stuff, but we do some easy things, too." During their shows, which can go on for

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Project/Object with Ike Willis

hours, the band also updates the material to include current events. "Last year we did some shows where we included Clinton and a character called the Intern. It was the sort of thing Frank would have loved, so we are carrying on his tradition."

Willis, who performed with Project/Object off and on for the past four years, says, "I have known Andre since he was a teenager, and they are great fun to play with." Conversely, Cholmondeley is thrilled with the opportunity to play with Willis and says, "I met Ike in 1984, and he was so nice to the fans. After he performed with the Banned From Utopia for a while, we asked him to work with us, and he was more than happy to do it."

An added surprise for the upcoming Atlanta show will be the reunion of Willis with another former Zappa band member, slide guitarist Denny Walley. Walley, who currently lives in the Atlanta area, has agreed to join the band for at least part of the evening.

With Willis, Walley and Cholmondeley all playing guitar, they just might be able to reproduce some of the magical instrumental work that was probably Zappa's least appreciated skill. "He was an incredible guitar player — very underrated," claims Willis. "He's not considered a 'guitar god,' but he never really cared. He always said he wanted to get the ugliest sound possible out of the guitar." ◆

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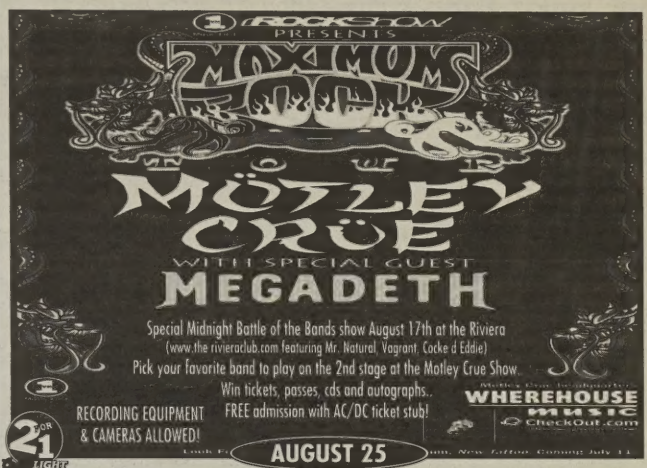
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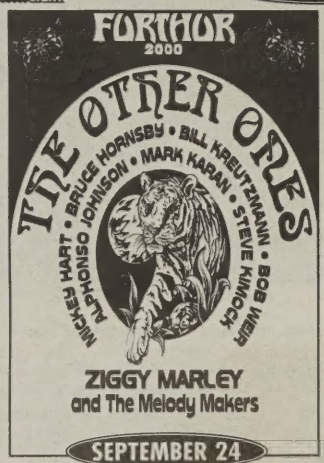
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This Time Around, *Hanson sets out to rock*

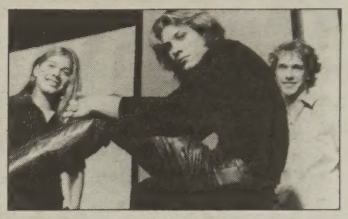
BY KRISTI YORK

Attaching major significance to 1997's light and sugary smash "MmmBop" might seem odd, but Hanson's single deserves major credit for helping usher in a new era of angst-free pop and making grunge an even more distant musical memory. Subsequent releases from the Oklahoma brothers' major label debut, *Middle of Nowhere*, soothed weary teen souls and made music videos (such as the Gus Van Sant-shot "Weird") fun to watch again. The trio's latest, *This Time Around*, is equally infectious, if less sugar-coated.

Currently on tour to support *This Time Around*, Zachary (Zac, 14, drums and vocals), Taylor (Tay, 17, keyboards and vocals), and Isaac (Ike, 19, guitars and vocals) Hanson are hitting some of the country's top rock haunts.

"Every theater we go to is so unique," Zac says from San Francisco's Warfield Theatre, sounding much older than his 14 years. "Whether it's the Dead who played there or Janis Joplin, there's so much history."

Hanson's place in history is yet to be determined, although tough critics such as *Entertainment Weekly*'s David Browne have given the trio props for playing their own instruments and writing their own songs. As for the masses, many folks are still divided; girls eat Hanson up, guys eat them alive. When it comes to Hanson, to respect or not



Hanson

to respect seems to be the question.

One of the biggest misconceptions about Hanson, Tay says, is that they are a "boy band," despite the obvious differences between the three brothers and any current or former Mickey Mouse Club members. "The boy band thing is really odd to me," he says. "People put us in all sorts of categories. But there are a lot of positive things people say about us, too. We have been given a lot of respect on the album."

A few listens to *This Time Around* should quell any notion that the boys aren't legit. It's a well-made record (sometimes too much so), with guitars, organs and backbeats worthy of any fledgling rock band. A recent one-time blind test spin of the title track on modern rock station 99X had some listeners wondering if "This Time Around" was the new single from the Black Crowes. 99X Program Director Leslie Fram says the sta-

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Table of the Elements release reignites decades-old feud

BY CHAD RADFORD

"Eternal Music," an article in *Creative Loafing*'s June 10 Vibes section, profiled the forthcoming release of *Inside the Dream Syndicate Vol. 1: Day of Niagara* by Atlanta-based record label Table of the Elements. The CD, now available, documents for the first time in widespread release the birth of one of the most significant developments in 20th century art music, an open-ended drone-based work that had a profound impact on both the composition style known as minimalism and the underground rock sound introduced by the Velvet Underground.

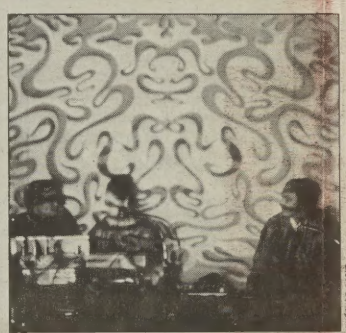
From the start, however, the release has been embroiled in controversy, because it was put out without the authorization of two of the music's primary architects, composer La Monte Young and his wife, Marian Zazeela. In a statement posted on Young's website (lamonteyoung.com) last month, Young claims he was not contacted by TOTE about the release, and only after *CL*'s article did Young's attorney contact TOTE. Suddenly, an authorship dispute that has simmered on the fringes of art music for 35 years has been revived, and allegations of possible copyright infringement have brought this enduring battle to Atlanta.

Some background: From 1962 to 1965 a group of classically trained musicians calling themselves the Dream Syndicate (later dubbed Theater of Eternal Music) forged a drone-based body of work dubbed "dream music," made of long, sustained tones, non-Western linearity and pure harmony (called "just intonation"). While the group's membership changed regularly over the years around the core of Young and Zazeela, the membership during this formative period included John Cale (later a member of the Velvet Underground), Tony Conrad (a filmmaker and musician who in recent years has recorded for TOTE) and Angus

La Monte Young and Marian Zazeela

Maclise (a poet and percussionist who died in 1979). Shortly after Cale and Conrad left the group, Young gathered up all of the Dream Syndicate's recordings. He refused the former members access to these tapes unless they recognized Young as the sole composer of the group's underlying body of work. Conrad and Cale, however, have long

Tony Conrad



The Theatre of Eternal Music, 1966 (from left): La Monte Young, Marian Zazeela, Terry Riley, Tony Conrad

argued that their activities were a collaborative effort and reject the notion that this music could even have a composer in the traditional sense.

For nearly 35 years, this stalemate remained the status quo, and the recordings remained virtually unheard by anyone, including Cale and Conrad. Over the decades, the existence of these recordings has developed a near-mythical status. Until May, that is, when TOTE announced that it had obtained a copy of a 1965 group recording and would be releasing it on CD.

Since becoming aware of the impending release, Young has made it clear he views it as an unauthorized release of his music. Explaining how his input qualifies him as the sole composer, Young says, "I really outlined the parameters for rhythm, harmony, melody and duration in my work. These are usually considered to be a part of music composition. I feel that this work is much stricter than just a broad system of music."

In a 27-page essay posted on Young's website in recent weeks, Young also writes that this recording is part of his ongoing composition, *The Tortoise, His Dreams and Journeys*, a never-ending composition based on his underlying body of work.

In an e-mail response sent to *CL*, Conrad asks, "What is an 'underlying

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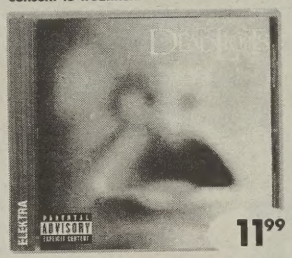

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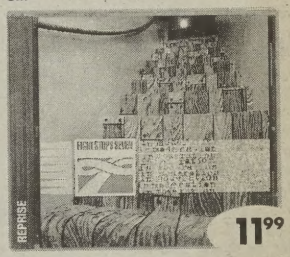

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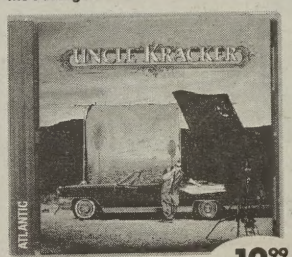

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Local Music News

A taste of M.U.R.D.A.H.

"Get off that Hershey Bar and buy a pack of Nerds!" encourages DJ Mafioso (David Rodriguez), who claims that the music of his group M.U.R.D.A.H. O.N.E. is anything but the same, tired thing.

"It sounds like rap or hip-hop, but I wouldn't even call it that," says DJ Sinista (Randy Narain), his partner in crime and founder of M.U.R.D.A.H. O.N.E. (Music Universal Righteously Delivering a High on New Entertainment) back in the summer of '94. M-One, which started as a DJ unit and now encompasses turntablism and lyricism, also features rapper Bambu de Asiatic (Robert Cowan). With the two DJs, Bambu helps create the positive vibes of the group's reggae-influenced hip-hop.

Beyond the group's three actual members, M-One cite affiliates far and wide who've supported their music-making process. "We have friends who bought equipment for us and then moved away, but they did it just to contribute and be a part," says Mafioso, who also produces the group's music. Adds Bambu, "M-One just kept building. Basically, every new friend we make is already a [group] member. We're all just positive people who've come together."

During shows, the group's uplifting vibe seeps from their pores and drips into the audience. "It's people music. We don't wait for the dance floor. We think, 'How are we gonna rock this vibe?'" says Sinista, whom local club Karma hires to hype up its Skin parties. "If even one person is in the crowd bopping his head, then we have motivation to perform. We'll even go up to him and ask 'What do you want to hear?'"

This type of audience interaction goes to show that M-One are on a different tip, one that has taken them to Detroit and throughout the Southeast. "We have different flavas," says Mafioso, "so we encourage people to try us." — *Shindy Chen*

M.U.R.D.A.H. O.N.E. perfrom at Karma, Thurs., August 17.

Atlantis 2000: highlights and dim bulbs

Winners and losers, part one: At Wednesday night's Atlantis kick-off event, the Atlanta Local Music Awards, the Tabernacle won for best venue. However, the crowd — which had to endure a terribly murky mix at the Tabernacle, where the event was held — clearly lost.

We wuz robbed: While debating the correct spelling of the Black Mollies (or Mollys?), it never dawned on us that there might be two different groups out there. But when we showed up at the Star Bar Saturday for their showcase, sure enough, it was Kansas City's pop-punk trio the Black Mollys on stage, not the more transgressive Atlantan Black Mollies. Come to think of it, the Mollies did seem an odd fit for Atlantis anyway.

Winners and losers, part two: In accepting the ASCAP Songwriters Award at the ALMAs, pie-faced, fair-voiced lad John Mayer sang a verse by Simon and Garfunkel, which he claimed to have written himself. Leaving no doubt he was completely certifiable, Mayer then went outside and struck Heisman Trophy-style poses while clutching his gleaming prize. Mayer won again by getting two showcase opportunities, and both after 11 p.m. Others, who were forced to perform for the bartenders during poorly-attended earlier time slots, were not so fortunate.

Atlantis' Negro problem: Despite good intentions, the fencing off of black music into the Urban Symposium was the best reason to be embarrassed by the conference. While paying lip service to inclusiveness, urban events at Studio Central were not even included in the Atlantis guide's nightly showcase listings — no wonder they were virtually unattended by white registrants. Further display of an illogical white bias came at the ALMAs, with the nominees for the favorite signed artist award: Collective Soul, Marvelous 3 and the winner, Shawn Mullins. Immediately following, Goodie Mob hit the stage and, for the first time all night, the mostly white crowd looked like they were having fun. Relegated to best rap act, Goodie Mob served to remind us of at least a dozen signed local black acts that are more entertaining and/or better-selling than the above-mentioned nominees.

Rebecca Beard

'Oh Lord, why hast Thou forsaken our music conference?' Pam Howe of pH Balance, onstage at the Echo Lounge. Click on Vibes at atlanta.creativeloafing.com for a complete Atlantis 2000 photo gallery.

But ... why? The Psychedelic Furs' Friday showcase at the Tabernacle.

Stealin' Thunder Revue: "Welcome to Atlantis 2000!" bellowed guitarist Billy Rat at Smith's Olde Bar Saturday night, where his band, Truckadelic, and another top area act, the Drive-By Truckers, played for a packed and rowdy crowd. Thing is, Smith's was not an Atlantis venue. — *R.S., with writing and reporting by Lee Smith and Greg Nicoll*

A Moodswinging Saturday

"This is our night to take over the Echo," says Kip Thomas, a member of local band Chocolate Kiss who also works for his group's Atlanta-based indie label, Moodswing. The Moodswing Records Showcase he has organized will provide a time for four of the company's eight current acts to shine.

"It won't be a circus, but we are definitely gonna have a good time," promises Thomas, who has assumed the role of ringmaster of the Moodswing team. While he still has no official title with the label, Thomas juggles at least five roles at the company: artist (in the acclaimed Chocolate Kiss as well as insurgent underground blasters Haricot Verts), graphic designer, radio promotions, publicity and, of course, showcase planner.

Chocolate Kiss

"We do most of the graphics and design right here," Thomas says, from his office at Thomas and Bohannon Printing. That's where Thomas handles his other duties as well. A self-described "control freak," Thomas says the six-year-old Moodswing become a bit more organized since he came on board early last year.

"When the Chocolate Kiss album was released, I just sorta helped the company bump it up a notch. We have songs on the radio all over the country and things are going great." Chocolate Kiss brought additional attention to Thomas and Moodswing with their well-received Music Midtown appearance this year.

Some Soviet Station, the young and popular new Moodswing band who close the show, are helping the label reach an even broader base and building a following locally. "When they did their CD release party a while back, they drew a couple hundred people," Thomas notes. "I think the Echo and hopefully, the community as a whole, will see that Moodswing is a staple of the independent music scene of Atlanta. We aren't about selling units, we are about creativity." — *Lee Smith*

Haricot Verts, Plexorjet, Chocolate Kiss and Some Soviet Station play the Moodswing Records Showcase, Sat., Aug. 19, at the Echo Lounge.

bulletin board

• **pH Balance's Pam Howe** has been a busy band leader as well as writer. She's just released an intriguingly titled poetry pamphlet *Hand spun; poems about cycles, circles, nipples and aliens,* and the band is preparing for a video shoot in conjunction with the autumn release of their new album. Check out details at www.phbalance.net. — *Hal Horowitz*

sharp notes

It ain't *Macbeth*, but producer **Kevin "She'kspere" Briggs**, who has worked with divas **TLC, Destiny's Child, Mariah Carey** and various **LaFace** acts, has entered into an exclusive joint-venture label and production deal with **Arista Records**. Briggs will head the as-yet-unnamed label and will serve as an A&R consultant and staff producer for Arista. This is the first major venture spearheaded by the label's new head, **Antonio "L.A." Reid**.

No goody two-shoes. Atlanta's **Goodie Mob** will contribute a track to the new **Spike Lee** movie, *Bamboozled*. They will be sharing soundtrack space with **Canibus, Chuck D, Common, Stevie Wonder, Erykah Badu** and **Prince**.

Angel hearts. **The Brand New Immortals** will be donating the proceeds of their current single, "Reasons Why," to the non-profit organization **Angel Flight**. This is the same organization that **99X** has chosen to be the recipient of the profits from the radio station's **Big Day Out** show. And to round things out, BNI's **Brendan O'Brien**-produced CD can only be purchased through the 99X website. Angel Flight is a volunteer pilot association that provides free air transportation to America's health care agencies and blood banks. — *Hal Horowitz*

Local releases

DIVINITY, *Divinity* (self-release); four-song debut EP from Stockbridge rock trio; playing Aug. 16 at 9 Lives Saloon and Aug. 18 at Dottie's; website: www.divinity-music.com

JESSE JAMES DUPREE, *Foot Fetish* (V2); solo album by former Jackyl member, Kennesaw-based guitarist/singer Dupree; features Georgia drummer Jon Skinner

GHOST TOWN, *Ghost Town EP* (self-release); five-song debut from rock quartet; website: www.ghosttownmusic.com

SUNDAY MUNICH, *Vinculum* (Precipice); second CD by darkwave/electronic trio; guests include Underwater's Melissa Mileski; website: www.kyan.com/sundaymunich

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musical composition?' In 1970 John Cage wrote and copyrighted a piece whose entire 'directions' (that is, score) comprise the words 'Prepare something to eat.' Would this 'underlying musical composition' be grounds for paying Cage royalties each time someone cooks?"

According to Young's attorney, Robert Clarida, the underlying body of work is more tangible than Conrad's notion and is indeed protected. "Under the federal law there are two copyrights at stake," Clarida says. "One for the sound recording and one for the underlying body of work. The recording is not protected under the Federal Copyright Act because there was no federal protection extended to sound recordings until 1972. However, the underlying composition is copyrightable and is in fact registered with the Federal Copyright Office."

Clarida further explains that in order for the underlying composition to be considered a joint authorship, it must meet two requirements. First, each contributor has to contribute copyrightable material, not just a vague general idea. Secondly, each of the joint authors must acknowledge co-authorship. Further, Clarida cites that if one party's claim to authorship is repudiated by another, they are then obligated to take legal action within three years. Because Conrad and Cale did not do so within three years of Young's claim to sole authorship, they are now barred from making a legal case.

However, according to Atlanta-based intellectual property attorney Barry Kaplan, this may not be accurate. "If [Young] is claiming that [he] owns a genre definition it probably won't go very far in court," Kaplan says. "The tangible expression of it is protectable, but not as a genre. Also, there is a three-year statute of limitations on infringement, but it is usually measured against an infringing activity rather than a claim of ownership interest."

Although Kaplan allows that Young may have grounds for a strong case, there are various legal defenses TOTE could employ to protect itself. For one, it could claim "fair use" if the recordings have become public domain; it's also possible the label can make a convincing case for co-authorship.

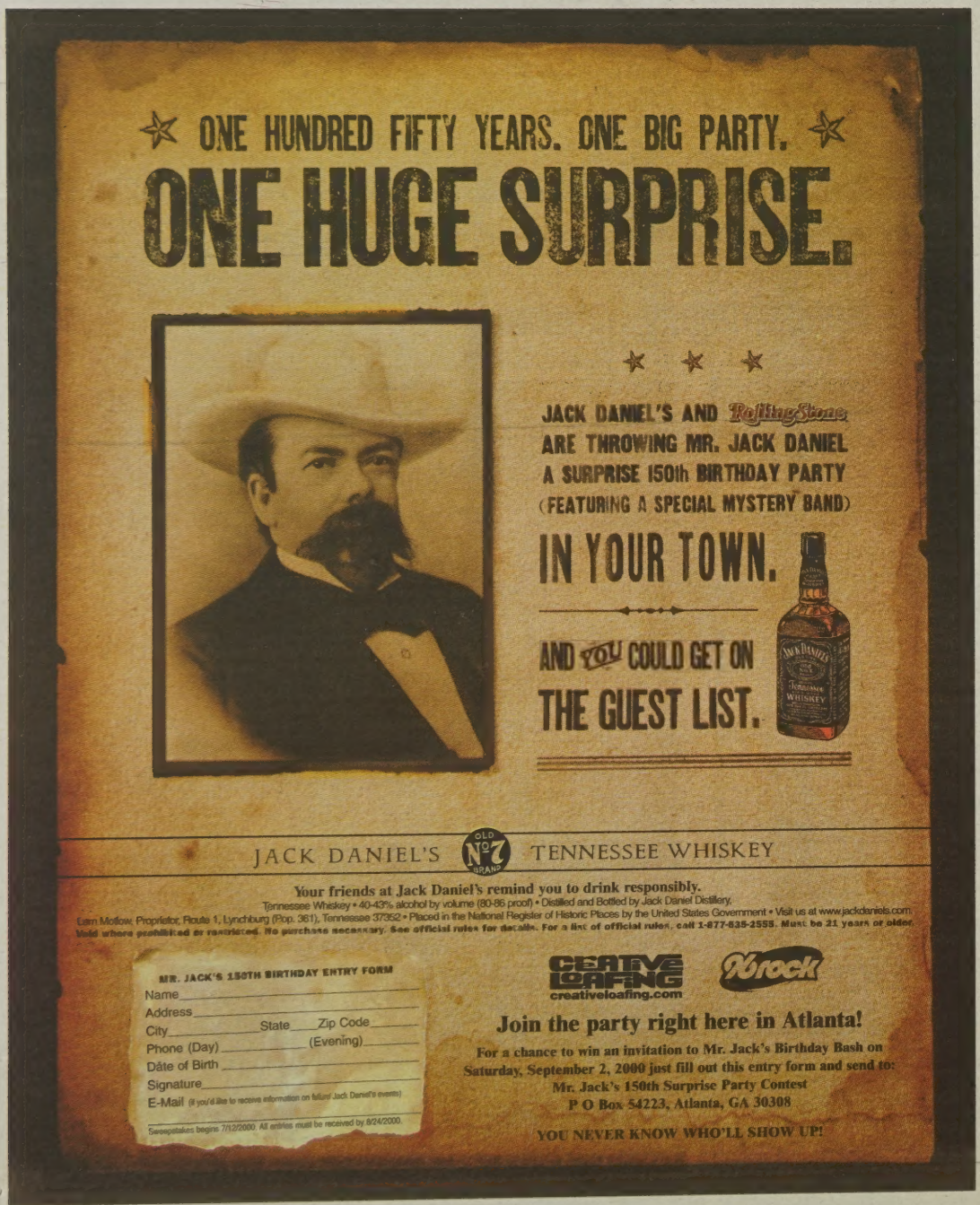
TOTE officials declined *CL*'s request to interview label owner Kristin Johnson or the label's attorney. However, the label issued an official response to Young's claims on July 11, stating: "Table of the Elements would be happy to work with La Monte Young and Marian Zazeela in realizing pending Dream Music recordings but for the inescapable fact that Mr. Young now demands that he be accorded sole composer status in the recordings. In the event that Mr. Young ceases such demands and embraces the plain reality of co-authorship, TOTE, Mr. Cale and Mr. Conrad will be more than happy to include Mr. Young and Ms. Zazeela in the process of realizing these important recordings. Until such time, Mr. Cale and Mr. Conrad are well within their legal rights as co-authors of a joint work to authorize TOTE to release these recordings without Mr. Young's stamp of approval, so long as Mr. Young (and Ms. Zazeela) is (are) paid a pro-rata share of the profits derived from such release."

Despite his own legal assessment of the situation, mounting a lawsuit isn't the first item on Young's agenda. "You have to have $100-150 thousand in your pocket if you're going to start a lawsuit like this. Why waste all of that time and money?" Young says. "I don't think a lawsuit is the answer. I am hopeful that a satisfactory and harmonious solution can be reached among the parties involved, so that my music of this period can finally be released."

Young specifies three criteria as part of this solution: First, he receives proper credit as the composer of the underlying musical composition. Second, he receives fair renumeration for his contributions. And third, TOTE obtains a complete version of the work from his original master recording, which, he claims, is in much better condition than the version the label has used.

As the voices surrounding this argument remain as loud and unwavering as the music itself, it's not likely the two sides will agree anytime soon. However, the release seems to have sparked new life into material that has been smoldering for more than three decades. In addition to *Day of Niagara*'s release, Young and Zazeela have launched their own record label, Just Dreams, to begin releasing selections from their vast archive of music. They've issued one release, *The Tamburas of Pandit Pran Nath*, and are currently working on a DVD release of a Young's *Well Tuned Piano*.

"It will be interesting to see what happens," Young says of the eventual fate of dream music. "Even in the unlikely event that Cale's and Conrad's position were to be deemed legally correct, that everyone is a co-composer, then there's nothing to stop me from fighting fire with fire and releasing a high-quality recording of the material with beautiful cover-art and well-written notes." ◆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tion spun the track without announcing Hanson's name, "so that there wouldn't be any preconceived notions." And, Fram adds, "Most people liked it."

Ike, Tay and Zac may not be ready for the goateed-and-tattooed world of alt-rock radio, but that's OK. These three are better off mining classic influences than frying up a batch of Cobain-and-Vedder rehash.

Faint ghosts of '60s English band Traffic lurk in a few of *This Time Around*'s jammier tracks. Blues Traveler's John Popper on harmonica and young bluesman Jonny Lang on guitar add a bit of street cred, but frankly, Hanson do just as well without them. In "Can't Stop" and "In the City," Tay's voice practically channels little Stevie Winwood. (Hanson is known to cover live the Spencer Davis Group's "Gimme Some Lovin'."). The only thing holding Hanson back is age.

"In some ways this record is more mature than *Middle of Nowhere*, but I don't know how much more mature," Ike says. "It was pretty much the same how both records came about, in terms of writing."

Recorded in Los Angeles last year, *This Time Around* was originally to be produced by Ric Ocasek, but a three-song trial production with the former Cars frontman didn't pan out. "It was good, but it wasn't exactly where we wanted to go," says Ike. Stephen Lironi (Black Grape, Jon Bon Jovi) finished the job, and the final product is occasionally more polished AOR than turntable-scratching pop (courtesy of the Dust Brothers on *Middle of Nowhere*).

Despite its slickness, *This Time Around* has moments of relevance and spunk, and the boys' playing is generally solid. Taylor's current favorite track "Runaway Run," a revved-up relative to Rick Springfield's "Jesse's Girl," careens midway into an amazing chorus-bridge solo progression. In "Love Song" and "Hand in Hand," which recall Kenny Loggins or even the Doobie Brothers, Ike's potential as a singer-songwriter peeks out from behind his acoustic guitar licks. And Tay's successful forays into falsetto ("Save Me" and "If Only") bode very well for his future as a rock singer. Most promising is the album's final track, "A Song to Sing," which showcases what Tay calls "the essence of Hanson": three brothers sitting around a piano, harmonizing. At once familiar, the song has the smooth, soulful feel of an old Commodores tune (think "Easy" or "Three Times A Lady"), with a younger bent.

Hanson's influences are all over the board. During a recent guest appearance on VH1's "The List," Billy Joel's *River of Dreams*, the Beach Boys' *Pet Sounds*, Counting Crows' *August and Everything After* and the Eagles' *Greatest Hits* were some of the brothers' choices for best pop album of all-time. Imagine the possibilities for their next album if Stevie Wonder's *Innervisions* and the Clash's *London Calling* take up residency?

Tay says the Hanson sound is an ever-evolving one. "We're always writing. We're writing stuff now and we're already excited about the next record," he says. "But where that will go, it's hard to tell." ◆

Hanson performs at the Tabernacle, Tues., August 22. The show is sold out.

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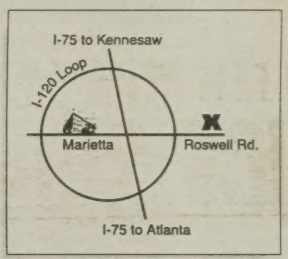

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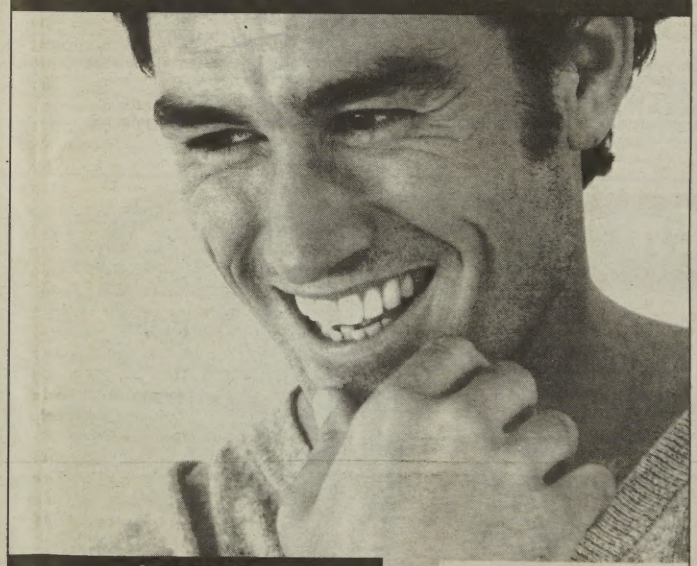

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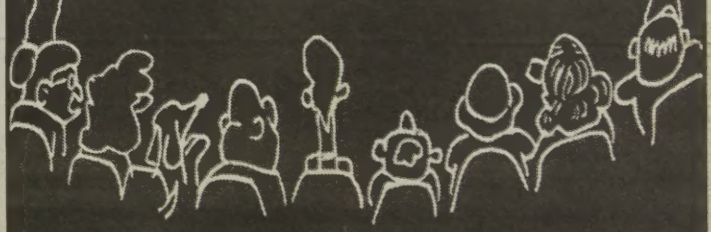

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WEDNESDAY.16

9 LIVES SALOON: I.P.S., Radio Mexico and Divinity
40 WATT CLUB-ATHENS: Winter's Haven, Broken Sky, Perpetrators
AFTER DARK CABERET-CUMMING: Bill Sheffield
BLACK REPERTORY GROUP: Third Eye Theatre
BLIND WILLIE'S: Francine Reed and the Shadows
BRANDYHOUSE: Craven Melon, Rollin' in the Hay
BRIDGES: Piano with Bruce
BUFFALO'S-KENNESAW: Karen Leppo
CAFÉ TU TU TANGO: Live Reggae with Poshtoner
CAJUN KITCHEN: Super Phactual Assembly
THE CHAMBER: Lovebreak with DJ Bill
CHASTAIN AMPHITHEATER: Tribute to Elvis
CHECKERED PARROT: Dave Williams
CHURCHILL GROUNDS JAZZ CAFÉ: The Mahluli Workshop
CJ'S LANDING: Aqua and Vanilla
COBALT LOUNGE: Hacienda featuring Carlos Alberto and La Perfecta
CRESCENT ROOM: Southern Comfort with DJs Michael Scott, Marcos Pieras and Greg Adamson
DARK HORSE TAVERN & GRILL: The Tone Mutts, D'Arey October
DOTTIE'S: 9 From 10, Kimm
ECLIPSE DI LUNA: Kim Rushing
FAT MATT'S RIB SHACK: The Electromatics

[CL'S NOTED ACTS FOR WEDNESDAY.16]

D'AREY OCTOBER — Musically this trio of noisy youngsters (median age 18) embrace the classic, post-punk indie rock aesthetic by alternating uneasily between melodic rock and clamorous racket. As befits their tender years, the lyrics bubble with the kind of "outsider angst" that haunts high school hallways everywhere. Not unlike a less shrill Hole in the throes of a (barely) post-adolescent tantrum. **Dark Horse Tavern** (Robertson)

ELVIS COMES ALIVE — Once again commemorating the King's death day, Johnny's Hideaway — home of a fine Elvis memorabilia collection (but no Gracevault) — brings Elvis impersonator Mark Phillips to relive the glory and pathos of the late, great Mr. Presley. **Johnny's Hideaway** (Sarig)

FALLING UP — Serviceable, competent and, well, pretty boring alt-rock from local quartet whose tendency toward musical bombast recalls *Throwing Copper*-era Live. I'll give 'em props for their obvious sincerity and chops, but methinks they would do well to lighten up a bit. **Smith's Olde Bar** (Robertson)

IMMORTAL LEE COUNTY KILLERS, SYRUP, BULLY — The crazed Killers share the stage this evening with Syrup, a wild over-the-top Florida rock band known for their colorful props and antics. Also on the bill is Bully, one of the best damn rock bands in Atlanta, whose songs are beautiful and hilarious polished gems of satiric urban paranoia, set to thundering metallic blasts. **Star Bar** (Nicoll)

NEW SOUTHERN CREATIVE ENSEMBLE, BRAHVAR ENSEMBLE — N.S.C.E. is a group put together by Gold Sparkle trumpet player Roger Ruzow that concentrates on a mix of improvisation and composition. It also features a double bass section of Wade Thompson and Peter Hickey, as well as Adam Overton on percussion and Chris Case on keyboards. Also performing is the Brahvar Ensemble featuring Robert Cheatham, Brian Fielden, Keith Leslie, Hickey and Case. Expect some killer new free music. **Eyedrum** (Khalid)

PROJECT/OBJECT: A TRIBUTE TO FRANK ZAPPA — Ike Willis (vocalist/guitarist in Zappa's band from 1979 to 1993) and Denny Walley (Zappa's slide guitarist from 1975 to 1981) join up for this season's tour with Project/Object, a Zappa tribute group that plays songs from every phase of the late guitarist's career. Together, they expect to rekindle the lost magic of Zappa's legendary concert performances. See article, p. 87. **Variety Playhouse** (Nicoll)

Syrup plays the Star Bar, Wed., Aug. 16.

FUZZY'S: Soulidify
GOLDFISH RESTAURANT: Showtyme Jazz Duo
LASETER'S: Jagermeister night with $2 shots
MARY'S: Video DJ Jigsaw
MASQUERADE: Blanks 77, Fixer, Forgotten, The Krays; Old and new school hip-hop in Hell for Raising Hell Wednesday
NORTHSIDE TAVERN: Daniel "Mudcat" Dudeck
PEASANT UPTOWN AT PHIPPS: The Steven Charles Jazz Duo
THE PLACE: Ballanger & Park
POPPERS: Eric Austin open mic night
RAY'S ON THE RIVER: Mina
THE SHARK BAR: Mid-week mixer
SMITH'S OLDE BAR: Falling Up, Wayne and YG downstairs
STAR BAR-L5P: Immortal Lee County Killers, Syrup, Bully
VARIETY PLAYHOUSE: Project / Object with Ike Willis
WHISKER'S-DUNWOODY: Barry Richman

THURSDAY.17

9 LIVES SALOON: AC/DC after-show party, Bitch, Hung (free with concert ticket stub)
40 WATT CLUB-ATHENS: Little Red Rocket, the Modfathers
513 CLUB: Big D and the Kids Table, First Grade Crush, Treephort
AFTER DARK CABERET: Ricki Fargo
ARCTIC CIRCLE: Trivia with DJ Rock entertainment
BILLY'S: Joe Perri
BLIND WILLIE'S: Big Bill Morganfield
BRANDYHOUSE: YG, Rhythm Ryder
BRIDGES: Paula Harris with Doug Jervey
CAJUN KITCHEN: Stella Bluegrass
THE CHAMBER: Club Fetish
CHECKERED PARROT: Dave Williams
CHURCHILL GROUNDS JAZZ CAFÉ: Latin jazz with Jerry Fields and Vecinos del Mundo
CJ'S LANDING: Mike & Hank & Tim Acres; Anitra Holley
COBALT LOUNGE: Blue Room with DJ-Luv and musical guests spinning acid jazz and deep house. Decadence, dance music from the early '90s, upstairs
COTTON CLUB: Project 86, Ultraspank, Liquid Gang
CRESCENT ROOM: Laid Back Deep
DARK HORSE TAVERN & GRILL: Adom, The Rockin' Pontoons, Pigeon
DOTTIE'S: Amazing Laredo's
THE EARL: The Mercury Program, Fin Fang Room
ECLIPSE DI LUNA: Duo Latino
EDDIE'S ATTIC: Chris Chandler with Magda Hiller, Kit Rodgers, Over the Counter Culture
FAT MATT'S RIB SHACK: Chickenshack
FUEL: fete with DJs Marc-Alan Gray, Levi, Alex King & Justin. Also featuring John, Ricardo & Luis of Diestra
FUZZY'S: Donnie McCormick
KILLER CREEK: The Showtyme Jazz Duo
MARY'S: Video DJ Jigsaw
MASQUERADE: Old wave '80s dance party in Hell
NOMENCLATURE MUSEUM: STRANGEbedfellows host Miss Maya and pre Future Fest party with DJ Skip, Brendon Lee, Kevin-O, Roger, Sherkhan, Bobble and Jeffery, Heath (Ariel) and Tonya (The Robustos)
NORTHSIDE TAVERN: The Breeze Kings
PHILIP'S ARENA: AC/DC
POPPER'S: Andrew Black Band and Steve Hawkins and Friends Blues Jam
RAY'S ON THE RIVER: Mina
RED LIGHT CAFÉ: Dirt Road Scholars
SAMBUCA JAZZ CAFÉ: Salsa Thursday
SMITH'S OLDE BAR: Kevin Kinny, John Mayer
SOMBER REPTILE: Furious
STAR BAR-L5P: Kathleen Turner Overdrive, Amy Hailstone, Eskimos
WHISKER'S-DUNWOODY: Stacey James

[CL'S NOTED ACTS FOR THURSDAY.17]

AC/DC, SLASH'S SNAKEPIT — AC/DC, I salute you. Thank you for the pre-pubescent adrenaline rushes. Thank you for providing an outlet during puberty-stricken moments of good grief. And thanks most of all for never changing. Your new album, *Stiff Upper Lip* contains the same chords and screaming visceral volume that helped me through my darkest hours so long ago. While Axl Rose prepares to, er, dazzle us with his new industro-thrash-metal version of Guns N' Roses, former GNR guitarist Slash gets on with rock business. There's nary a drop of irony to be found on his band's new album, which features a dozen tunes that wouldn't sound out of place on a late-70s Scorpions album. Recommended for all you Ronnie James Dio fans out there. **Philips Arena** (Allen/Robertson)

KEVN KINNEY, JOHN MAYER — Like bookends on Atlanta's current singer-songwriter scene, Kinney has been around about as long as anyone can remember, while young gun John Mayer continues his ascent toward future success. Both are worth a listen. **Smith's Olde Bar** (Sarig)

BIG BILL MORGANFIELD — Though he never lived with his legendary dad Muddy Waters, the gene pool is still active. He's hired some of his father's incredible backing musicians, and the hulking singer/guitarist does a bang-up job with Waters' covers, so who's complaining? Atlanta resident Big Bill's got the big soul and the big voice to make his famous pop proud, and his debut from last year was well received in the blues world, not an easy audience to impress. The rising son's originals are solid and he plays a mean slide guitar. Besides, wouldn't you rather hear him have a go with "Mannish Boy" than a local bar band? **Blind Willie's** (Horowitz)

M.U.R.D.A.H. O.N.E. — See Earshot, p. 93. **Karma** (Chen)

PROJECT 86, LIQUID GANG, ULTRASPANK — A triple-bill of modern/aggro-rock, headlined by Orange County rock/rappers-for-Christ, Project 86. Also on the bill: Fellow SoCal headbangers Ultraspank and the Philly grind of Liquid Gang. **Cotton Club** (Sarig)

RHYTHM RYDER — This South Carolina jam band sounds like some unholy alliance between the Grateful Dead and Yes at their windiest. ("Tales From a Topographic Mars Hotel," anyone?). The guitar solos are longer than many full albums I admire, and honestly, how unfunky do you need to get before even your closet friends start telling you the truth. **Brandy House** (Robertson)

STRANGEBEDFELLOWS — A pre-Future Fest party, directed by DJs Skip, Brendon Lee, Kevin-O, Roger, Sherkhan, Bobble and Jeffrey, and also featuring a collaborative performance by Aerial's Heath and the Robustos' Tonya. **Nomenclature Museum** (Sarig)

FRIDAY.18

9 LIVES SALOON: Empire 44, The Unsatisfied, Flair, Wide Open
40 WATT CLUB-ATHENS: Krush Girls
513 CLUB: Spectremen, Pistol Whip, Derision, Cogneato
AFTER DARK CABERET: Butch and the Buckheads

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BILLY'S: Heather Luttrell
BLIND WILLIE'S: Houserocker Johnson
BLUE PIG-WOODSTOCK: Motor City Josh
THE BLUE RACCOON: Frankie's Blues Mission featuring Frankie Lee Robinson
BRANDYHOUSE: Homemade Jam, Blue Voodoo
BRIDGES: Jazz with the Sharp Four
BUFFALO'S-AKERS MILL: Karen Leppo
THE CHAMBER: Glitterdome
CHASTAIN AMPHITHEATER: BB King Blues Festival with Buddy Guy, Susan Tedeschi and Tommy Castro Band
CHECKERED PARROT: Johnny Reed Duo
CHIP'S: Electric Eels
CHURCHILL GROUNDS JAZZ CAFÉ: Bernard Linnette's Interactive Sextet
CJ'S LANDING: Mookie & Mojo Chillins, Ian Schumaker; Mystery Train in the concert hall
COBALT LOUNGE: Parallel Universe
COTTON CLUB: Black Perl, Whild Peach
CRESCENT ROOM: Two-year anniversary part with DJs Richard Leslie and Brandon Sutton with Don Tonic on percussion
DARK HORSE TAVERN & GRILL: Cornbread, Crave, Fair Verona
THE DERBY: Barry Richman
DOTTIE'S: Pigeon Divinity
THE EARL: Fat Day, Ladies Night, Tourniquet
ECHO LOUNGE: Catfight! Grrrls Night Out Party
ECLIPSE DI LUNA: Kim Rushing
EDDIE'S ATTIC: Carla Ulbrich, Jamie Anderson, Bob Malone, Wakeman & Willner
THE ELBOW ROOM: YG
FAT MATT'S RIB SHACK: Craig Vinson Band
FUZZY'S: Blues Barons
JAKE'S ROADHOUSE: Little Joey's Jump and Jive
JAVA HOUSE: Derwin Daniels
KILLER CREEK: The Showtyme Jazz Duo
LAKEWOOD AMPHITHEATER: Britney Spears
LAST GREAT WATERING HOLE: Ally X
LOS LOROS: Bob Beckwith
MARY'S: Video DJ Jigsaw
MASQUERADE: King Diamond, Shadows Fall, Babylon Whores, Deep
MEANS STREET ARTERY: Underground rave
METROPOLITAN PIZZA: Lost Souls
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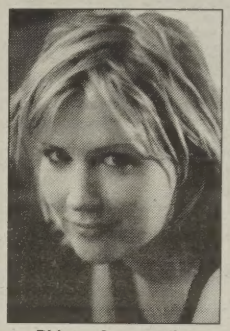

Dido performs at the Variety Playhouse, Sun., Aug. 20.

PECKERHEAD'S: Lotsa Poppa
POOR RICHARDS' PUB: Moxie
RAY'S ON THE RIVER: The Tony Winston Jazz Trio
ROXY: Tonic with Stir
SCROOGE'S: Uncle Don's Bullet Proof Band
SMITH'S OLDE BAR: Mandorico, Mindseye
SOMBER REPTILE: The Cracklins, Blind Prophet, Wide Open
STAR BAR-L5P: Lizardmen
STARBUCK'S-DECATUR SQUARE: Morgan Rowe
STARBUCKS-VIRGINIA HIGHLANDS: Sue Witty
THE TABERNACLE: Driven Potluck CD release party; Blame; Falling Up; Illiterate Mic; Eden
TIJUANA JOE'S: Brian Doyle
UGLY MUG PUB: Mike Veal and the Devilles
WHISKER'S-DUNWOODY: Ricki Fargo
WILD WING CAFÉ: Flux Capacitors
YA YA'S CAJUN CUISINE: Kush

SATURDAY.19

9 LIVES SALOON: Blacklight Poster Boys, Exit 8, Lonesome Heart Jubilee, Stevie Tombstone
40 WATT CLUB-ATHENS: An evening with Kevin Kinney
AFTER DARK CABERET: Butch and the Buckheads and Greg Roth
ANTHONY'S: And She Did
ANTHONY'S-BUFORD: Alien
ARCTIC CIRCLE: DJ Rock Entertainment's Dance Party
BASIL'S CAFÉ-MARIETTA: The Steven Charles Jazz Duo
BLIND WILLIE'S: Houserocker Johnson
BLUE PIG-WOODSTOCK: Motor City Josh
THE BLUE RACCOON: Jam hosted by Jerry Lee
BRANDYHOUSE: Blue String, Full Circle
BRIDGES: Jazz with the Sharp Four followed by various local artists
CAJUN KITCHEN: Corrita's featuring Vicki Salz
THE CHAMBER: Europa with DJ Gene Carbonell
CHASTAIN AMPHITHEATER: BB King Blues Festival with Buddy Guy, Susan Tedeschi and Tommy Castro Band
CHECKERED PARROT: Johnny Reed Duo
CHIP'S: Li'l Ed & the Blues Imperials
CHURCHILL GROUNDS JAZZ CAFÉ: Bernard Linnette's Interactive Sextet
CJ'S LANDING: Mike & Hank, Anitra Holley; Rutherford Bench in the concert hall
COBALT LOUNGE: Supernova Saturdays
CRESCENT ROOM: DJ Caleb and Don Tonic with special appear-

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B.B. KING BLUES FESTIVAL — He's sitting down for the entire show these days and talking almost as much as he's playing, but King's yearly multi-night Chastain love-fest is still worth experiencing. This year's supporting cast is remarkably strong, too: Tommy Castro's energetic straight-ahead blues rock, Susan Tedeschi's sultry/gritty soul blues (see article, p. 83) and Buddy Guy's hard-nosed Chicago approach fill out the bill with acts who are headliners in their own right. B.B. isn't resting on his laurels either, currently hitting the Top 10 album charts (for the first time ever!) thanks to his Clapton collaboration (see review, p. 103). King's a living legend who's earned every bit of the respect he gets and never appears to be running on autopilot. Sure he's slowing down, but nobody leaves without a smile plastered on their face. **Chastain Park Amphitheater** (Horowitz)

CATFIGHT! GRRRLS NIGHT OUT PARTY — If you haven't seen the Catfight! girls rockin' out lately, you're bound to be amazed and delighted by what a solid, tight ensemble they've evolved into. They've always rocked, but nowadays they *rrrrrock!* **Echo Lounge** (Nicoll)

KING DIAMOND, SHADOWS FALL, BABYLON WHORES — King Diamond is like the Lemmy Kilmister of the evil set: he just keeps going and going. Shadows Fall's mix of crushing death with the melodic, galloping style of Iron Maiden is kinda nifty. But will someone put them on the mailing list for the Coalition for Frontman Originality in Metal? If I see another singer flinging his dreadlocks around as if it's interesting to watch I swear I'm gonna clip 'em off with cable cutters and shove 'em up his bum. Babylon Whores could be the surprise of the night. An unlikely blend of glam rock, metal and goth from Scandinavia. **Masquerade** (Foy)

LIZARDMEN — Put on your Beatle boots 'cause the Merseybeat stomp is back. There's a rumor afoot that the Lizard's original frontman Michael Meyer has been rehearsing with this group again. **Star Bar** (Nicoll)

MANDORICO — Atlanta's Mandorico fold elements of hip-hop, ska, rock and pop into a traditional Latin music framework. Though theoretically such a self-conscious approach might yield watered-down results, this combo infuse the proceedings with enough infectious enthusiasm, not to mention technical proficiency, to allay any fears of pan-ethnic pandering. **Smith's Olde Bar** (Robertson)

MINDSEYE — This local quartet slather vaguely danceable backbeats with an array of diffuse musical distractions. Though these diversions sometimes betray dull ulterior motives (a conventional rock mentality mucks things up from time to time), generally the overt weirdness prevents Mindseye from wandering down too many musical blind alleys. As infuriating as such stylistic sleight-of-hand can be, in this case it feels indicative of a restless creativity that bears watching. **Smith's Olde Bar** (Robertson)

TONIC — Flat and lifeless, with just a hint of what could be, Emerson Hart and his boys have been milking their one hit from nearly four years ago ("If You Could Only See") for another album and tour. Leading the pack of faceless, boring clones that continue to plod aimlessly over the "alternative" airwaves, Tonic is not the elixir to cure a thing, and a good example of what's wrong with popular music today. See also Third Eye Blend. **Roxy** (Smith)

CARLA ULBRICH, JAMIE ANDERSON, BOB MALONE — Described as "Partly Funny With a Chance of Audience Applause," this writers-in-the-round features comical songs (sometimes *darkly* comical) by an especially talented trio. Carla Ulbrich's "What If Your Girlfriend Was Gone" is probably worth the admission price alone. It's a 9:30 p.m., 21-and-up show. **Eddie's Attic** (Nicoll)

SUE WITTY — Seemingly there are enough singer/songwriter types in Atlanta to recreate key battle scenes from *Braveheart* (now there's an image for you). Witty, another in a long line of acoustic-guitar-wielding, heartfelt-lyric-writing troubadours stands out thanks to an atypical (at least in this genre) jauntiness. Sprightly, melodic folk-pop that's refreshingly gloom-free. **Starbucks/Virginia-Highland** (Robertson)

[*CL'S* NOTED ACTS FOR SATURDAY.19]

KENNY BARRON — No pianist today — jazz or otherwise — has anything on Kenny Barron. Although his latest, richly orchestrated release, *Spirit Song* on Verve, has received very positive accolades, Barron's improvisations are such things of beauty that only the uncluttered sounds of a trio present appropriate backing. With his illustrious touring ensemble of bassist Ray Drummond and drummer Ben Riley, Barron's beautiful, rich tone and ultra-dynamic approach receive ample support. This will undoubtedly be one of the best jazz concerts of the year in Atlanta. **Spivey Hall** (Rozzi)

B.B. KING BLUES FESTIVAL — See listing for August 18. **Chastain Park Amphitheater** (Horowitz)

ELVIS DEATH DAY OBSERVANCE WITH KINGSIZED — Mighty Mike Geier brings his swingin' ensemble Kingsized to the stage again to commemorate the King's passing. The real treat tonight, though, may well be Sister Amy & the El-Vangelical Choir, featuring former Continentals vocalist Amy Pike. (These Elvis shows always sell out, so be sure to come early!) **Star Bar** (Nicoll)

FUTUREFEST 2000 — After a promising but, by many accounts, lightly-attended electronic music extravaganza last year, Futurefest returns for a second time with a lineup of over 50 acts and DJs that looks to be at least as strong as the first time. The techno lineup boasts the Detroit threesome credited with inventing the genre: Juan Atkins, Kevin Saunderson and Derrick May, as well as a live performance by Astralwerks act Gearwhore. The trance menu includes BT, Electric Skychurch, Skylab2000 and Atlanta's own Dean Coleman, while the jungle/hip-hop arena features the Jungle Brothers and DJ Rap. For more info, see www.futurefest.net. **Henderson's Arena/4380 Stacks Road** (Sarig)

HALCYON — The popular Florida combo, who comes across like some fresh-squeezed Sunshine State version of the Indigo Girls, play two sets tonight at this CD release show: 7 p.m. (all-ages) and 9:30 p.m. (21-and-up). **Eddie's Attic** (Nicoll)

MAD KATE — Murder ballads, ghost songs and laments of unrequited love pour forth from Mad Kate, purveyor of Southern gothic sounds. **Dottie's** (Sarig)

MOODSWING RECORDS SHOWCASE — See Earshot, p. 93. **Echo Lounge** (Smith)

TOMMY THOMPSON, JASON MARCUM BAND, ANDY BROWNE — Tommy Thompson headlines a rare acoustic show at the Earl, a triple bill that also features Jason Marcum (a winner of Eddie's Attic's open mic events) and a solo appearance by Andy Browne (a veteran of the Niteporters and, more recently, Moonbase 5). **The Earl** (Nicoll)

U-ROY — See article, p. 83. Performing with Sister Carol, Johnny Osbourne, Brigadier Jerry, Bunny Brown, Covasia and Dignitary. **Planet Q** (Dominey)

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[CL'S NOTED ACTS FOR SUNDAY.20]

ELVIS NIGHT AT THE STARLIGHT DRIVE-IN — Two of Elvis Presley's '60s films will be shown in their full widescreen grandeur tonight, out under the stars as God intended. Come early enough to catch the opening performance by a real live Elvis impersonator ... uh, pardon me, Elvis interpreter. **Starlight Six Drive-In** (Nicoll)

DIDO — While her solo debut, *No Angel*, elicits comparisons to just about every authentic female artist recording today, its empyreal sonics and restless beats merely scratch the surface of this Brit's talents. Let's not forget that if Dido's brush with pop fame vanishes, she can always fall back on her experience as a child prodigy of classical music. **Variety Playhouse** (Allen)

[CL'S NOTED ACTS FOR MONDAY.21]

DANIEL CARTER/ANDREW BARKER/PAIGE MARTIN — Saxophonist Daniel Carter shines on the new William Parker Trio album, *Painter's Spring*. But it's really in his groups, Other Dimensions in Music (also with Parker) and TEST, where Carter takes full advantage of the interactive possibilities. Always eager to broaden his horizon, Carter has recently been interacting with dancer Paige Martin and percussionist Andrew Barker, who's been doing some collaborating of his own lately. As an integral part of the Little Huey Creative Music Orchestra, Barker has utilized the talents of fellow members and saxophonists Rob Brown and Charles Waters in duo configurations. Tonight, though, Carter's spirited sax wailings should provide a fine canvas for Barker's amazing brushwork. Interaction at its most explorative. **Earthshaking Music** (Khalid)

THE QUEERS, THE EXPLOSION — Beats me why everyone keeps comparing California's Queers to the Ramones. Oh sure, there's a superficial similarity of approach (hyper-melodic punk pop), but where the Brothers R. infused their moronic tales of teenage lobotomies and baseball bats with sly wit, the Queers just end up sounding, well, moronic. Their new release, riddled with profanity and manufactured outrage, is a perfect archetype of style over substance. Rocket to Russia? Hah, they're barely a cab ride to Fresno. See review of the Explosion, p. 103. **Echo Lounge** (Robertson)

[CL'S NOTED ACTS FOR TUESDAY.22]

DEKE DEAN'S ROCKABILLY OPEN MIC NIGHT — Vocalist/guitarist extraordinaire Deke Dean hosts the Northside Tavern's latest variation on their Tuesday night Open Mic event. Dean fires up each show by playing a short set with his own band, after which he invites any guest rockabillies in the house to join in. **Northside Tavern** (Nicoll)

HANSON — See article, p. 89. **Tabernacle** (York)

CHARLIE HUNTER, SQUAT — Even if he didn't play bass and lead simultaneously on his custom made 8-string contraption, Charlie Hunter's innovative and sophisticated instrumental approach to the funk, jazz, soul, Latin and even reggae strains in his music would be reason enough to dig his scene. But watching the seated, unassuming Hunter live, you're struck by just how easy he makes it look when he delivers skittering, low-key, jazz guitar leads as his bass lines insistently bop away. He's touring without the horns that spice up his new album, but accompanied only by bubbling percussion and drums, Hunter has plenty of room to strut his stuff. You wish he would just stand up and burn, at least occasionally, but there are enough hot licks to keep the fret-shredders at bay. Popular Athens jazz-fusioners Squat open. **Georgia Theater/Athens** (Horowitz)

THE JIBE — This New York City rock band sounds a bit like the Spin Doctors (remember them?) on rock steroids. Though the lead singer emotes in a typically post-Pearl Jam fashion, the Jibe's obvious affection for white guy funk and syncopated rhythms make 'em an ideal candidate for a H.O.R.D.E. tour. **Brandy House** (Robertson)

NEVE — Wow, talk about diversity. On their current tour, these Floridian, white bread rockers are warming up for both Kiss and Hanson. Unfortunately, they lack the imagination of either, and their warmed-over, alterna-pop almost makes Matchbox 20 sound revolutionary. **Tabernacle** (Robertson)

MICK TAYLOR — The man who replaced Brian Jones in the Rolling Stones — and performed with them at Altamont — hits town tonight. Anyone who's ever marveled at the delicate guitar figures in Stones tunes such as "Time Waits For No One" and other classics from their early-'70s phase should come pay homage at the feet of the man who actually played 'em. **Cotton Club** (Nicoll)

NEIL YOUNG, THE PRETENDERS, TEGAN & SARA — In 1993 when Neil played Lakewood with drummer Jim Keltner and bassist Duck Dunn, the energy level was low and the song selection was pedestrian. Hopefully this time around pianist Spooner Oldham will infuse some Muscle Shoals boogie into what very well should be one of the better shows of the year. Only Neil has the power to play obscure titles for the lifelong fan and only Keltner has the power to vary his speed. The Pretenders' Chrissie Hynde's has always had an affinity for Neil — she was at Kent State when the National Guard opened fire and forced Young to pen "Ohio." If the two play together on stage, it will be a special moment indeed. See Tegan & Sara review, p. 103. **Chastain Amphitheater** (Prusin)

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DARK HORSE TAVERN: Loud American Tourists, Elliot James and the Snakes, Monochrome

THE DERBY: Roadhouse

DOTTIE'S: $2.00 Shoes, Mad Kate

THE EARL: Tommy Thompson, The Jason Marcum Band, Andy Browne

ECHO LOUNGE: Moodswing Records Showcase

ECLIPSE DI LUNA: Trio Latino

EDDIE'S ATTIC: Halcyon CD release party

EYEDRUM: The Blue Period, Allison Kendra Hunt, Forever

FADO'S IRISH PUB: The Charms

FAT MATT'S RIB SHACK: Frankie's Blues Mission

FUZZY'S: Blues Barons

GEORGIA THEATRE: Gran Torino

HENDERSON'S ARENA: FutureFest music and arts festival with Spaceman and Trip Theory

HUEY'S: The Jason Pellett Quartet

IF COFFEE HOUSE: Sue Witty

JAKE'S ROADHOUSE: Little Joey's Jump and Jive

JAVA HOUSE: Adam and Don Sechelski with Harry Lester and Brett & Joanie

KILLER CREEK: The Showtyme Jazz Duo

LANIERLAND MUSIC PARK-CUMMING: Trace Adkins

LASETER'S: Gina Lane

LAST GREAT WATERING HOLE: Ally X

LOS LOROS: Bob Beckwith

MASQUERADE: Unified Theory with Chris and P.J. of Blind Melon and Dave Kruzin; Goudie, Steep; Freaky Foam Party in Hell

MELLOW MUSHROOM-CUMMING: The Stoophounds

METROPOLITAN PIZZA: Lost Souls

MIKE-N-ANGELO'S: Swami

MURPHY'S LAW: Heavy Light

NORTHSIDE TAVERN: Lee Griffin Band

PECKERHEAD'S: Lotsa Poppa

PINE LAKE BEACH: Justin Rosolino, Cindy Lou Harrington & Showdown

PLANET Q-DECATUR: Daddy U-Roy

POOR RICHARDS' PUB: Kid Brothers' and Poor Richards' fifth anniversary

RAY'S ON THE RIVER: The Tony Winston Jazz Trio

RED LIGHT CAFÉ: Blue Jays, The Venus Umbrella, Karen and Scotts Party

SCROOGE'S: Uncle Don's Buller Proof Band

SMITH'S OLDE BAR: Agents of Good Roots, Cool for August

SOMBER REPTILE: Scott Little, Star Parlour, Fragile-X, Salt Circle

SPIVEY HALL: Kenny Barron

SPON DIVITZ: Don Law

STAR BAR-L5P: Kingsized, Sister Amy & the El Vangelical Choir

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Saturday Aug 19th:
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THE VAULT: '80s retro dance party
WHISKER'S-DUNWOODY: Ricki Fargo
WILD WING CAFÉ: Hound Dog Handsome
YA YA'S CAJUN CUISINE: Night Wind

SUNDAY.20

9 LIVES SALOON: Scary-oke with E. Roc
ARCTIC CIRCLE: Karaoke with Tommy's Crowd Pleaser
BILLY'S: Karaoke
BLIND WILLIE'S: Liz Pennock & Dr. Blues, Li'l Pink Anderson
THE BLUE RACCOON: Bill Sheffield & the Ringtail Rounders
BLUE PIG-WOODSTOCK: Open blues jam
BRANDYHOUSE: Free show with 293 and Jeff Dunham
CHASTAIN AMPHITHEATER: Dave Williams
CJ'S LANDING: Mike & Hank; Tim Acres
CLUB PRESIDENTIAL: Lotsa Poppa and Atlanta Heat
EDDIE'S ATTIC: The Mike Kinnebrew Band
FAT MATT'S RIB SHACK: Blues Cat
FUZZY'S: Tomi and the Vibrators
LAKEWOOD AMPHITHEATER: Christina Aguilera with Destiny's Child
LASETER'S: Sports trivia
LOS LOROS: Don Law
MASQUERADE: Terminus City Bloody Sods, The Neglected; Sunday swing with free dance lessons in Hell
NORTHSIDE TAVERN: Stephen Talkovich & Friends
POOR RICHARDS' PUB: Open Mic featuring Sam Makler
RED LIGHT CAFÉ: Good Medicine Relief, Myssouri
SMITH'S OLDE BAR: Fire and Knife

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Daniel Carter and Andrew Barker perform at Earthshaking Music, Mon., Aug. 21.

SYLVIA'S: The Showtyme Jazz Duo
VARIETY PLAYHOUSE: Dido, Jude
VOODOO'S: YG
WHISKER'S-DUNWOODY: Ricki Fargo

MONDAY.21

ARCTIC CIRCLE: Trivia with DJ Rock Entertainment
BLIND WILLIE'S: Lotsa Poppa's Blues Party
CHECKERED PARROT: Karaoke
CHURCHILL GROUNDS JAZZ CAFÉ: The Kebbi Williams Project
EARTHSHAKING MUSIC: Daniel Carter, Andrew Barker, Paige Martin
ECHO LOUNGE: The Queers, Lillingtons, The Explosion
EDDIE'S ATTIC: Acoustic open mic
FAT MATT'S RIB SHACK: The Backburners
FUZZY'S: Mother's and Sinners with Donna Hopkins
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LASETER'S: Pool Tournament with $50 to winner
MCDUFF'S IRISH PUB: Open mic night hosted by Vicki Salz
NORTHSIDE TAVERN: Northside Blues Jam hosted by Larry Griffith
POPPER'S: Team Trivia
SMITH'S OLDE BAR: Eleven Day Trip, Sasquatch, Erica Dawn

TUESDAY.22

40 WATT CLUB-ATHENS: Bittersweetnothing, Conflict of Interest, Odyssey
BILLY'S: Blue Collar All Stars Bluesrock Jam
BLACK REPERTORY GROUP: Black Film Classics
BLIND WILLIE'S: Deborah Coleman and the Thrill Seekers
THE BLUE RACCOON: Team Trivia
BRANDYHOUSE: George Porter Jr.
BRIDGES: Piano with Bruce
CHASTAIN AMPHITHEATER: Neil Young and The Pretenders with Tegan & Sara
CHECKERED PARROT: Trivia
CHURCHILL GROUNDS JAZZ CAFÉ: The Jam Session
CJ'S LANDING: Open mic night with $500 prize
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COTTON CLUB: Mick Taylor, Glenn Phillips
EDDIE'S ATTIC: Comedy Combat
THE ELBOW ROOM: YG
FAT MATT'S RIB SHACK: Rough Draft
GEORGIA THEATRE IN ATHENS: Charlie Hunter with Squat
GOLDFISH RESTAURANT: The Showtyme Jazz Duo
LASETER'S: Trivia night
MARY'S: Karaoke
MASQUERADE: Hatebreed, 1 King Down, No Innocent Victim
NORTHSIDE TAVERN: Rockabilly Jam hosted by Deke Dean
PEASANT UPTOWN AT PHIPPS: The Steven Charles Jazz Duo
POPPER'S: Blues Jam with Bones
RAY'S ON THE RIVER: Mina
SMITH'S OLDE BAR: Yeti with Monte Montgomery
THE TABERNACLE: Hanson
WHISKER'S-DUNWOODY: Chris Wold
WILD WING CAFÉ: Intact

WEDNESDAY.23

40 WATT CLUB-ATHENS: Michelle Malone, John Mayer
AFTER DARK CABERET: Lou Vandora
BLACK REPERTORY GROUP: Third Eye Theatre
BLIND WILLIE'S: Francine Reed
BUFFALO'S-KENNESAW
CAFÉ TU TU TANGO: Live Reggae with Poshtoner
CAJUN KITCHEN: Super Phactual Assembly: Karen Leppo
THE CHAMBER: Love break with DJ Biff
CHASTAIN AMPHITHEATER: Rippingtons
CHURCHILL GROUNDS JAZZ CAFÉ: The Mahluli Workshop

[CL'S NOTED ACTS FOR WEDNESDAY.23]

A PERFECT CIRCLE. SUNNA — Although A Perfect Circle is the pet project of former Smashing Pumpkins and Nine Inch Nails guitar tech Billy Howerdel, the band's biggest claim-to-fame is sharing lead singer Maynard James Keenan with the mega-selling Tool. While Maynard's presence likely helped boost the sales of that band's self-titled debut to gold status, Howerdel's intricate guitar work and songwriting skills certainly didn't hurt, either. A Perfect Circle has already successfully translated their studio work to the live stage while touring with NIN earlier this summer and should put on an even stronger performance at this smaller venue. Newcomers Sunna open the show. Described as "sinister post-millennial rock," this English band sounds more like a pre-millennial hangover of post-grunge, genre mongering. Combining a bit of Nirvana's edgy melodic explosiveness with a hearty share of Nine Inch Nails-ish industrial-sized beats yields oddly reactionary results. While admittedly attractive to the ears, ultimately it comes off as a bit "old hat." **Tabernacle** (Williams/Robertson)
AMY PIKE — Opening for Mike Ireland tonight, the former Continentals vocalist/bandleader gets a chance to exercise her oh-so-fine voice, which we expect should still be well warmed-up from her performance during the Elvis Deathday Observance the previous weekend. **Echo Lounge** (Nicoll)

DARK HORSE TAVERN: Shut Eye Records Showcase
DOTTIE'S: Pretty Pony, Sofia
ECHO LOUNGE: Mike Ireland & the Holler, Amy Pike
ECLIPSE DI LUNA: Kim Rushing
EDDIE'S ATTIC: Tammy Allen, Eva James
FADO IRISH PUB: The Charms
FAT MATT'S RIB SHACK: The Electromatics
FUZZY'S: Mike Veal
GOLDFISH RESTAURANT: The Showtyme Duo
LASETER'S: Jagermeister night with $2 shots
MARY'S: Video DJ Jigsaw
MASQUERADE: Raising Hell Wednesday with old and new school hip-hop
POPPER'S: Eric Austin open mic night
PEASANT UPTOWN AT PHIPPS: The Steven Charles Jazz Duo
THE PLACE: Ballanger & Park
RAY'S ON THE RIVER: Mina
THE SHARK BAR: Mid-week Mixer
SMITH'S OLDE BAR: Tastebud, Soulspeak and YG downstairs
SOMBER REPTILE: Habu, former members of The Grape, Lickity Split, Boom Bust and Echo
STAR BAR-L5P: Immortal Lee County Killers
THE TABERNACLE: A Perfect Circle with Sunna ◆

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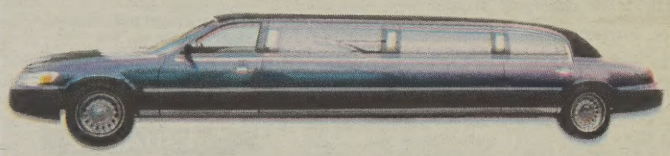

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BY JOHN C. FALSTAFF

world beat

So Seattle has finally honored its finest musical export, James "Jimi" Marshall Hendrix, in fitting style with the new Experience Music Project. The number of people alleged to have played alongside Hendrix in some context in the '60s is comparable to the number of houses that supposedly accommodated George Washington in his day, though some Hendrix collaborators, e.g., Richard Thompson, are appropriately modest about it. The late Indian sitar player and fusion aficionado Ananda Shankar could truthfully tell the world that he had jammed with Jimi, indeed this connection reputedly helped him secure a contract with Warner Bros. Records 30 years ago. Shankar's final album, *Walking On* (Real World), was recorded shortly before his untimely death last year at the age of 56.

Credited to the Ananda Shankar Experience and State of Bengal, it is in fact a joint project with DJ, musician and producer Sam Zaman (aka State of Bengal), who wrote half of the tracks. Shankar — son of famed dancer Uday Shankar and nephew of Ravi Shankar — was a pioneer of East/West fusion, his early '70s covers of Rolling Stones and Doors songs earning him minor cult status. His classic "Streets of Calcutta" is here in live form. State of Bengal is perhaps best known for work with Bjork, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and Massive Attack.

Walking On was conceived before its protagonists had even met, then it was rehearsed, toured and finally captured on tape in Real World's Birmingham studio all inside of two months. Zaman's pulsing bass and unique blend of Indian and breakbeat/hip-hop colors the frantic sitar, veena, flute and tabla driven sessions. Some of the results are fresh and exciting, while others sounds like period '70s action film music.

What do Kurdish, Algerian and Indian music have in common, apart from being hypnotic and exotic by Western standards? The answer may be lurking on *The Third Planet* (World Class/Hearts of Space), the American debut by an Italian-based multi-ethnic outfit of the same name (a reference to the earth's position within our solar system). It's another release that crosses national boundaries while convincingly incorporating modern elements, this time electronica, dub, house and even funk.

With the alternating voices of Iraq's Nazar and Algeria's Smail Kouider Aissa, backed by *saaz* (long-necked lute), keyboards and the sumptuous tabla (and occasional vocals) of India's Rashmi V. Bhatt, *The Third Planet* may be all over the map musically, but the album sure hits home on tracks like the *rai*-styled "Sulumani" and the Carnatic "Raghupati." Florence's Maurizio Dami provides sympathetic keyboards and programming throughout, he also co-wrote all of the material.

Unfortunately, neither title translations nor lyrics are provided, so we are left guessing as to what the song "Dylan

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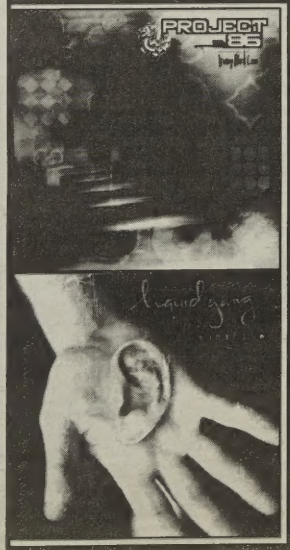

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TEGAN & SARA

This Business of Art

Vapor

That Neil Young is one wacky guy. You can never tell what his next career move will be, so when he founded his Vapor record label, it was just one more way to confuse an already confounded public. His first signing was man-child Jonathan Richman, followed by a snoozy soundtrack to *Dead Man*, a few forgettable modern rock bands, of course his own stuff and now this: twin sister folk-rock from Calgary. Go figure.

Only in their early 20s but already veterans of Lilith and tours with like-minded artists Paula Cole and Juliana Hatfield, Tegan & Sara seem inordinately obsessed with fellow Canadian Alanis Morissette. With an Indigo Girl-like precise vocal attack, the sisters harmonize on 11 rhythmic, confrontational, acoustically based tunes that sound unnervingly similar. Filled with a spunky, passionate confidence, the duo plows through their derivative approach like they invented the genre of angry young women with acoustic guitars. Lyrics spurt out fast, furious and filled with pent-up, pissed-off ferocity.

Repeated plays reveal hidden gems, though. The modified reggae beat and shimmering guitar solo of "Come On" is an intriguing change-up. The opening spoken word attack, driving drums and galloping disco beat of "Superstar" closes the album with a bang. But the sisters' vocal mannerisms seldom waver from the mad Morissette model, giving the album a dogged, overly dramatic, repetitious quality that wears listeners down. They're poised, assured, defiant and Canadian. Just like Alanis. And Neil.

— *Hal Horowitz*

Tegan & Sara open for Neil Young at Chastain Park Amphitheater, Tues., August 22.

THE EXPLOSION

Flash Flash Flash

Jade Tree

Like *Trainspotting*'s Begby effortlessly lobbing a pint glass blindly over his shoulder in a crowded pub, Boston's the Explosion unapologetically toss off anthemic punk on their debut full-length *Flash Flash Flash* and jump straight into the fray with bruising chords, delivered with hammering (not ham) fists and the gouging of Stiff Little Fingers.

While other punk revivalists such as L.E.S. Stitches do bad Rancid imitations, the Explosion manage to cover the usual late-'70s nihilistic schtick in songs such as "Novocaine" without sounding dulled. Full of bratty bravado, Matt Hock's voice anchors and advances the Explosion through pounding, punchy songs of lyrical cynicism such as album stand-outs "If You Don't Know," "No Revolution" and "Broken Down and Out."

Beantown's jolting rush, the Explosion are instigators, drunk and disorderly but far from stumbling. They spill into and split the crowd with intentionally shredded speakers like a pint glass to the head, raw and redlined.

— *Tony Ware*

The Explosion play the Echo Lounge, Mon., Aug. 21.

B.B. KING AND ERIC CLAPTON

Riding With the King

Reprise

Currently nestled in *Billboard*'s Top 10 albums, the highly anticipated joining of these two legendary blues guitarists/vocalists is a relatively successful superstar summit. It would have been easy to record a few jams, sell a million discs on name value and call it a day. But thankfully this meeting of the minds is a tasteful and often lively project with none of the grandstanding evident when two headliners convene.

In an effort to reach a larger audience, roughly a third of the album is uninspired blues-rock, which is not surprisingly where the project stumbles. Tracks such as "Marry You" and "I Wanna Be" find King floundering, wallowing in sub-par material that the duo does its best to deliver with grace and style. A plodding six-minute version of "Hold On I'm Coming" is the album's unequivocal low point.

Fortunately, seven pure blues tracks sparkle. Both artists perform at the peak of their powers while sympathetically sharing the vocal and instrumental spotlight. King revisits five cuts from his immense back catalog, and the two whip through acoustic versions of "Key to the Highway" and "Worried Life Blues" with a delight belying how often they must have performed these warhorses. An album-closing, slow and sleek rendition of the pop standard "Come Rain or Come Shine" finds the crooning pair dueting and trading heartfelt lead vocals. The mix and production clearly separates vocals and guitars between the speakers, making it easy to distinguish each player, and the pristine sound is so clear you can hear King's rings hitting the frets.

— *Hal Horowitz* ◆

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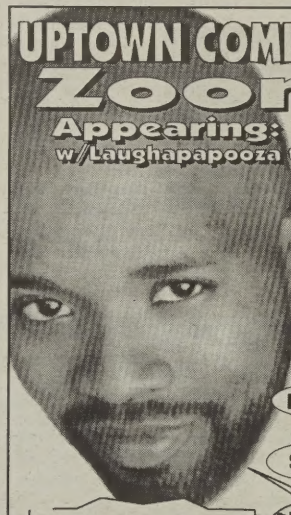

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by Mike Weiss

Time to tell

After being raped at 13, Atlanta boy finds a new voice

Rebecca Baird

The folder Tavares Robinson carries with him is small, barely bigger than a paperback. It's bound in imitation leather that's still smooth and soft, and the gold-embossed Boy Scouts fleur-de-lis on the front hasn't lost its shine.

Inside are two pockets. One is stuffed with pamphlets Tavares collected at Grady Memorial Hospital, with titles like "HIV and AIDS" and "When Is It Rape?" The other holds a yellow pad, its first few pages packed with Tavares' looping handwriting. On the first page, he wrote, "God is looking for real people who are not afraid to tell someone what they've been through."

Tavares turns 14 this month. Since that horrible night at the beginning of the summer, that imitation leather folder — along with the words he wrote inside — has been his life. He wants to tell people what he's been through. And he is not afraid.

People who care about Tavares don't want him to dwell on what happened, and he doesn't — but he doesn't avoid it either. Instead, he focuses on the good he can do with his experience, to help other kids in similar straits. But he also can mention it in conversation so naturally, so matter-of-factly that the person listening can't believe what was just said but would never ask Tavares to repeat it.

What he says happened is this: Tavares was raped by his father. His father had never been a part of his life, but he resurfaced this year, and Tavares — even though family members on both sides weren't sure it was a good idea — invited him to stop by at his paternal grandmother's home over Memorial Day weekend. Tavares didn't know he was going to spend the night.

"I'm mad that it happened," he says. "But I'm not ashamed."

That's not the way he felt immediately afterwards. He told no one, not even his maternal grandmother, with whom he and a sister and a brother have lived for years. He was embarrassed. And though he barely even knew his father, he still felt a sort of loyalty to him and worried about getting him in trouble. "I didn't want to tattle," he says.

A week later, without ever seeing a doctor, he finally told an adult friend. She cried and held on to him, told him that something similar had happened to her, too. They went to their church together that weekend and the friend — even though Tavares said he didn't want her to — told the pastor about Tavares and his father. It was the pastor who called the police.

"I looked at her like she was crazy," he says. "I was upset, and I didn't want her to report it."

He ended up at Hughes Spalding Children's Hospital, the pediatric arm of Grady, where he was finally treated for his injuries and where he first told his story to Atlanta police — and to his grandmother. For the doctors and the police officers looking for evidence, he had to describe that night in excruciating detail. He won't do that now.

"The past is in the past," he says. "But you have to remember it."

It was another memory, though, that helped save Tavares. A week after the

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assault, but before he had let anyone know what had happened, Tavares went to church at the Spirit of Love Christian Center on Hargis Street, down near Tull Waters Park. It's a small church, but vibrant and loud, and during the service the pastor started prophesizing.

She told Tavares, in front of everyone at the church, that God had marked him to be a leader. She told him that he was able to accomplish great things, that he was the kind of person to lead his generation out of the troubled world they live in.

"I didn't believe it right then," he says. "But sometime along the way, it kept coming back to me."

The church records every service on cassettes, and the pastor gave one of the tapes to Tavares. He stuck it in his Walkman and listened to it again, rewinding it and playing it back over and over. He could hear the pastor's words, the music, the voices of the congregation, and it reminded him of what she had said.

Eventually everything started to become clearer, he says. He started writing in his journal, a spiral notebook so weathered and worn it looks out of place with the rest of Tavares' neat appearance. He wrote about his friend, and about his pastor, and about the service and what she had said. He wrote about what happened, too.

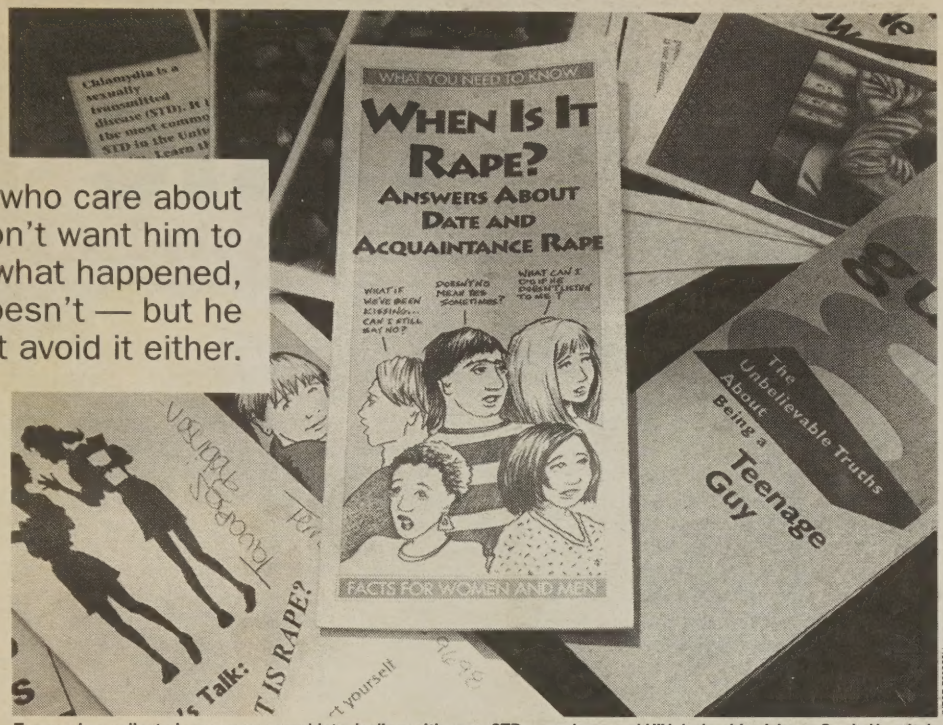
Tavares started wearing the headphones around town. He had them on, the sermon pumping in his ears, the day he arrived at a clinic at Hughes Spalding. He was there to be tested — doctors were worried enough that he might have contracted HIV that they put him on a precautionary cocktail of AIDS drugs, though there have been no signs of the virus in his system — but while he was there, Nicola Bone, a social worker at the clinic, sat down next to him. She asked him what he was listening to.

"When he first walked in here, he wouldn't look at my face when I was talking to him," she says. "By the time he was leaving, though, he was hugging people goodbye."

Bone and Tavares talked about his writing. He showed Bone some of his stories, which are clear and direct and, of course, emotional. He also told her about the service he was listening to, about how the pastor had said he was destined for good works.

"I started crying," Bone says. "This was the first time he told me that he was supposed to be doing something."

For Bone, who works every day with kids and teens who have been raped, or who have gotten pregnant before high school or who have dropped out to become prostitutes, it seemed that Tavares might be able to help them as much as she could help him. They worked together on Tavares' writing, researching statistics on sexual abuse so that his first essay, "Time's Up. It's Time to Tell," could eventually become a pamphlet — like the ones Tavares collects in his Boy Scouts folder — handed out in schools or churches or clinics or wherever kids could find it. Bone is trying to find an organization willing to underwrite the design and printing of a pamphlet, though Tavares says he doesn't care if it's run off on an old ditto machine and stapled in the corner. "As long as it gets to someone," he says.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Rebecca Beard

Tavares has collected numerous pamphlets dealing with rape, STDs, condoms and HIV during his visits to Grady Hospital.

People who care about Tavares don't want him to dwell on what happened, and he doesn't — but he doesn't avoid it either.

Tavares, of course, is not alone in what happened to him. The state Department of Family and Children Services received 6,289 reports of sexual abuse of minors in 1999, of which 2,265 were substantiated. The state does not break figures down by county, but officials in the Fulton County office estimate that they received about 500 reports last year.

Child welfare officials say a case as severe as Tavares' is unusual, though the biological father is the single most common culprit in sex abuse cases in Georgia. The majority of cases involve exhibitionism, voyeurism or fondling a child, not penetration. And the vast majority of victims are girls, with fewer than a fifth of all cases involving boys. "It's the exception," says Beverly Jones, the administrator of Fulton's DFCS office. "But it's not rare."

Sexual abuse can be especially traumatic for boys, Jones says. In addition to the usual immediate issues of feeling guilty for somehow bringing on the abuse and the loss of trust in the parent who commits the act, boys molested by men often have to deal with questions about their sexual identity — namely, does it mean that they are gay, Jones says.

And Jones suspects that boys are much less likely to report abuse than girls are. "Boys are taught not to see themselves as victims," she says. "It can bring up a lot of shame."

If they don't tell anyone about the abuse, they won't receive needed medical treatment or be able to prosecute the case or seek help for the emotional issues involved, Jones says.

And sexual abuse can resonate with a victim well past adolescence. Victims of sexual abuse have higher rates of depression, anxiety, substance abuse and difficulty in maintaining relationships later in life, says Jeff Newport, a psychiatrist at Emory University's medical school, who recently helped complete a study of the long-term effects of sexual abuse. The more severe the abuse — and the closeness of the perpetrator to the victim — the more a victim can be affected, Newport says.

Though many problems often manifest themselves well after the actual incident, Tavares' response so soon after is encouraging. Many victims see their adult lives fall apart; some, Newport says, try to turn the terrible experience into an inspiration to help others. That's healthy, he says.

"They can't undo the trauma, but what they can do is

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Time's Up. It's Time to Tell

Tavares Robinson's first essay

I was raped by my father in his own mother's house. It really hurts because I couldn't believe that someone I thought cared a lot about me would do something like this. His mother didn't even care for my father that much. They were always fighting. She didn't know he was doing that to me.

Some of you might think why is he telling us all this. Well, I am telling you this because I can help somebody that's going through the same thing. I want to tell you that I am only thirteen and if you're going through something like this you would be able to understand what I am saying, then me saying it when I am an adult.

It's OK to tell because no one has the right to treat you like this.

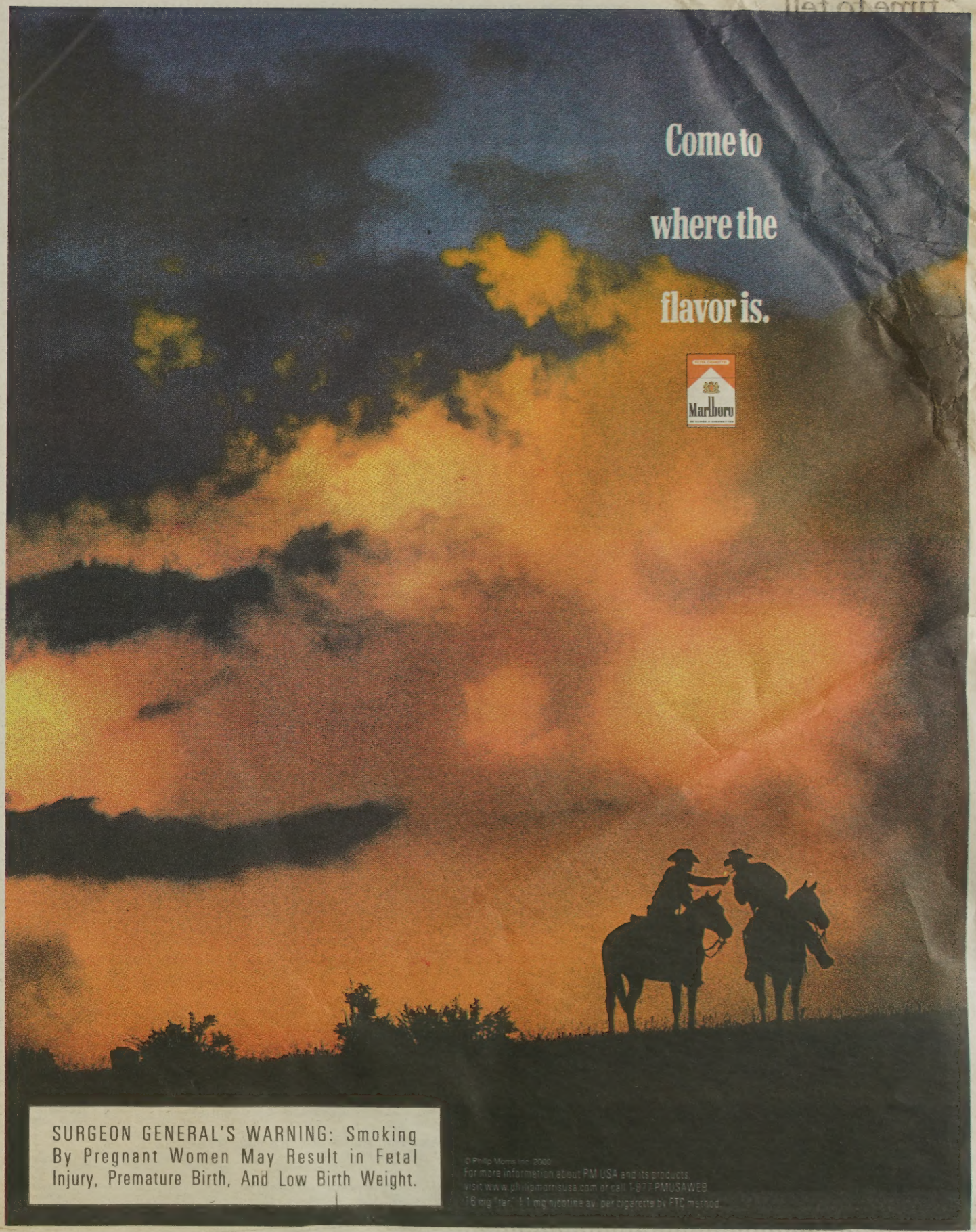
If a thirteen-year-old boy can tell what's going on in his life anybody can. I felt really dirty like a bitch or something and I felt guilty and you shouldn't feel guilty at all. You didn't do anything wrong. If someone is doing this to you they must pay the price. He is going to have to pay a bad price because if someone is doing this to you they could do it to someone else and I will not allow it. No, I can't save the whole world but I can save somebody.

Rape is when someone forces you to have sex when you don't want to. Rape is the fastest growing violent crime in America. Less than 50% of rapes are reported. 80% of rapes are committed by someone you know. Almost 70% of rapes occur at nighttime.

At first I didn't tell anybody about my situation but I told a very good friend of mine. She said I needed to tell somebody I trusted and I did. I told my pastor. She said she had to report it and she did.

At first I was mad but now I am not. The police came out and talked to me and I now know she was only trying to protect me and I want to thank her for that. Thank you for doing something that was for my good. And I would like to thank my family for being there when I needed you the most. Thank you, grandmother for always being there for me.

It's time to tell. I told now you can. I love you.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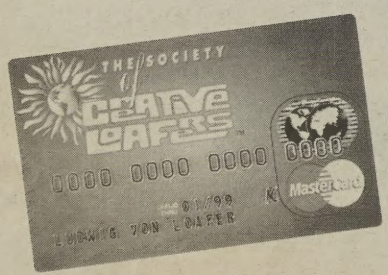

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E'jerbaaran" might be about. Three of the 12 items presented here, listed as "bonus tracks from Kurdistani," are by a different (earlier?) incarnation of the band, including the impressive "Baghdad Rai."

Urban Cuban (Higher Octave World) by the sprawling band P18 is a cross-cultural project that was many years in the making. Masterminded by Tom Darnal (formerly of La Mano Negra), who lives in Paris' 18th Arrondissement (hence the band name), the album was pieced together in a French studio from recordings made on numerous trips to Havana, and features over 30 musicians, singers and DJs. It's an over-the-top urban jungle celebration of familiar sounding Cuban trumpets, percussion and voice, layered with samples of reggae, funk, hip-hop and house. Curiously, this non-stop party closes with a reflective "Tour de Monde," written by Darnel's father in the late 1950s.

The *Charlie Watts and Jim Keltner Project* (CyberOctave/ Higher Octave) at first glance looks like a tribute to a clutch of famous jazz drummers, with track titles ranging from "Shelly Manne" and "Art Blakey" to "Tony Williams" and "Max Roach." But it's far more adventurous than that suggests, and actually has none of the big band trappings of earlier Watts solo releases.

During breaks in the L.A. sessions for the Rolling Stones *Bridges to Babylon* album in 1997, Watts and Keltner (who is also on that Stones album) fooled around in another studio, eventually cutting nine extended and unnamed items which, two years later, were overdubbed and edited down by co-producer Phillipe Chauveau in Paris. The result is a wild trip into uncharted percussive waters with decided electronica and world beat overtones, and a delightfully unpredictable album from two veteran rock and roll drummers.

It all started with Keltner inviting Watts to play along to Keltner's sampled sequences. During this period, the two caught many jazz greats in action at various L.A. clubs, including Billy Higgins, Roy Haynes and Elvin Jones. Tony Williams died just before they started recording. Listening to the tracks much later in the Paris studio, Watts realized that on each track he has inadvertently echoed a particular drummer in some way, hence the track titles listed here.

Taking advantage of the available Moroccan and Algerian musicians in Paris, "Kenny Clark" is supplemented with oud, tar and violin, and "Airto" is given a definite samba flavor, with great piano from co-author Emmanuel Sourdeix. The 12-minute closing "Elvin Suite" is the most laid-back and jazzy of the numbers, while evoking a wonderful African mood with tinkling marimba and sublime wordless vocals from Blondie Chaplin.

Rolling Stones completists please note: the Glimmer Twins *do* make fleeting — albeit separate — appearances here, Mick on keyboards and Keith on guitar. It's not only *not* rock 'n' roll, but I like it. ◆

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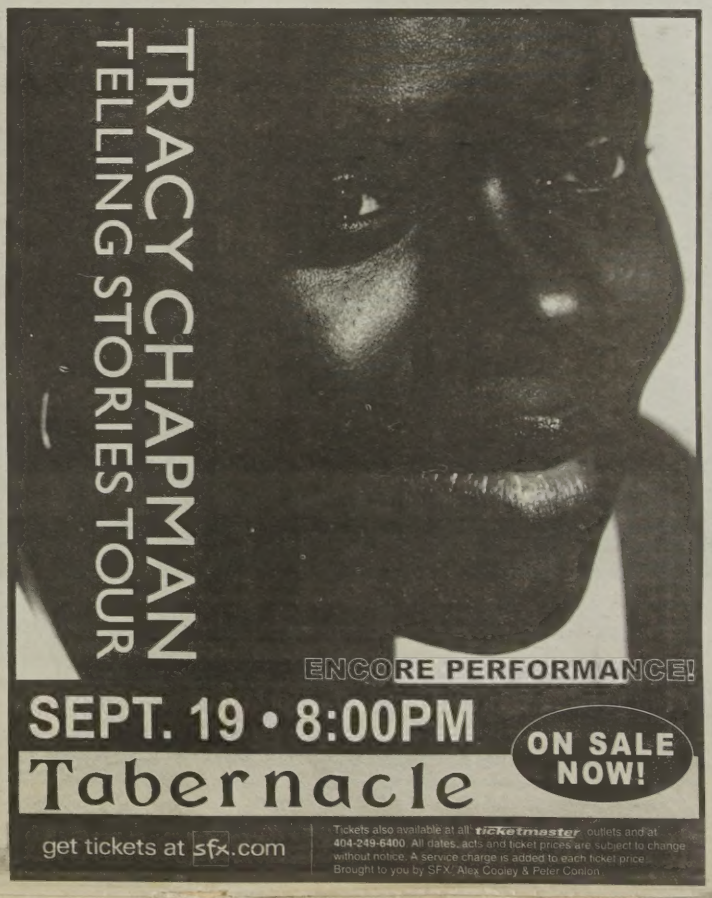
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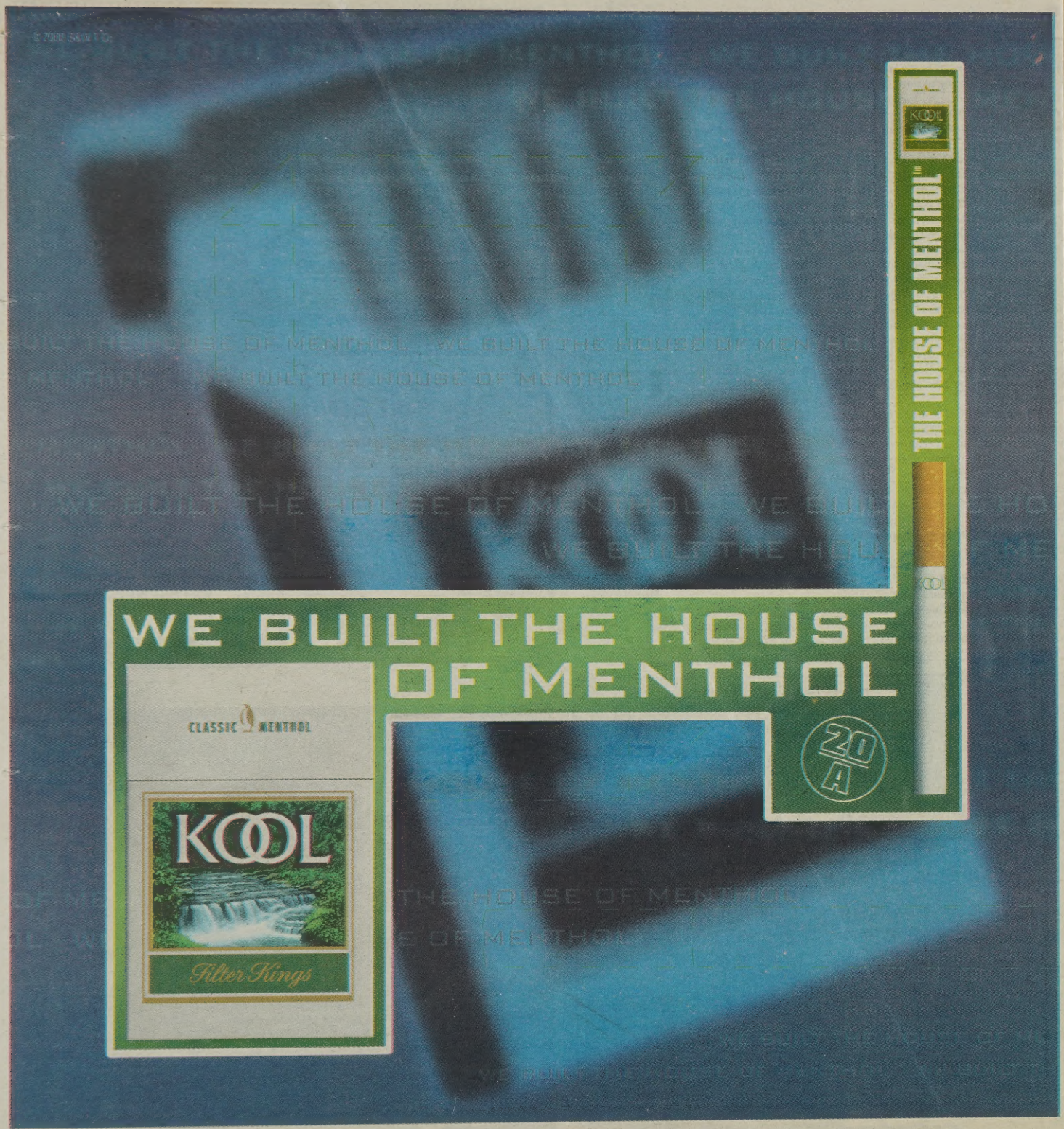

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Slicing Beauty

Leconte's erotic entendre rides on actor's good looks

BY FELICIA FEASTER

Vanessa Paradis in *Girl on the Bridge*

Paramount Classics

There's something about a man with sharp knives.

In Tod Browning's 1927 psychological carny yarn, *The Unknown*, a perverse relationship develops between Nanon (Joan Crawford), a woman terrified of men's arms, and Alonzo (Lon Chaney), the sword-thrower in love with his beautiful, screwed-up target. In a desperate bid to appeal to Nanon's limb-phobic "issues," Alonzo undergoes a radical body modification and has his arms amputated.

review

★★1/2
Girl on the Bridge

- Directed by Patrice Leconte
- Stars Daniel Auteil, Vanessa Paradis
- Rated R
- Opens Aug. 18

No such drastic events occur in *Girl on the Bridge*, though Patrice Leconte's breathless romance boasts its share of nicks and cuts. A similar psychosexual attachment develops between a miserable waif Adele (Vanessa Paradis), experiencing a run of terrific bad luck, and the man who spots her ready to jump from a bridge and makes her an offer she can't refuse. Seems Gabor (Daniel Auteuil) gets all his best "targets" for his sword-throwing act as they teeter on the brink of sui-

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RECYCLED TRASH

WATERS HITS RELIABLY BELOW THE BELT IN CECIL B. DEMENTED

BY FELICIA FEASTER

The older John Waters gets, it seems, the more his juvenile obsessions come home to roost: bodily functions, pretty teenage protagonists, the golden days of drive-ins, greasers and rude sexual double entendre. In his latest, *Cecil B. DeMented*, Waters searches for that elusive ambiance: the vintage teen exploitation pics of his own youth, youth gone wild and hopped-up sexed-up JD trash pictures that steamed countless Pontiac windows, crossed with the tongue-in-cheek meta-exploitation of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

review

★★1/2
Cecil B. Demented

- Directed by John Waters
- Stars Melanie Griffith, Stephen Dorff
- Rated R
- Opens Aug. 18

Cecil B. DeMented is a root in familiar clover. Often subversively funny, but just as often an out-of-control mess, the film does, in some ways, resemble those anything-goes C-pictures of yesteryear.

Stephen Dorff in *Cecil B. Demented*

Artsel Garnes

The premise of *Cecil* reads like an Independent Film Channel promo, as a group of disenfranchised movie-house ushers — the poor saps who merely sniff the glamour tailwind of Hollywood's limo fumes — stage a violent coup. Tinseltown royalty Honey Whitlock (Melanie Griffith) — an überbitch who oozes sweetness to the press and tortures her personal assistant (Ricki Lake) for fun — sweeps into town for the Baltimore premiere of her Hollywood blockbuster *Forced Entry*, as the kids pull off the "Big Snatch" and kidnap the starlet. The ushers whisk Honey away to their clubhouse, a *Phantom of the Paradise* rock-opera explosion of fake fur and glittery disarray housed in an old movie house where they gush about the glory days of Fassbinder, Preminger and Peckinpah.

Led by alternative cinema obsessive Cecil B. DeMented (Stephen Dorff) wearing a strait-jacket and a madman's expression, the Sprocket Holes are a band of underground cinema upstarts, including teen porn star Cherish (Alicia Witt) an incest survivor who claims her entire family, grandma included, raped her under the Christmas tree; drug

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Spike Lee catches The Original Kings of Comedy *in concert*

BY CURT HOLMAN

With all proper respect to the stand-up quartet that makes up *The Original Kings of Comedy*, this season some other funny men reign supreme. Two of this summer's most successful films are Eddie Murphy's *Nutty Professor 2* and, less expectedly, Martin Lawrence's *Big Momma's House*, while the horror spoof *Scary Movie*, directed by Damon Wayans, had the biggest opening ever for an R-rated movie.

review

★★★
The Original Kings of Comedy
- Directed by Spike Lee
- Stars Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley
- Rated R
- Opens ??

The four comedians of *The Original Kings of Comedy* don't have names as famous as Murphy, Lawrence and Wayans, but their concert film unleashes plenty of laughter. Don't be shocked if *Kings* catches the current wave of African-American comedy and turns into one of director Spike Lee's most financially successful films.

Raking in about $37 million, The Original Kings of Comedy U.S. tour became the most lucrative stand-up show in history, a fact that barely registered on the white media radar until this film's release. Lee's recording, shot at a massive but packed arena in Charlotte, N.C., suggests less the chummy hilarity of typical comedy festivals than a must-see concert by rock or rap stars. Opening the program, host Steve Harvey acknowledges the "Kings" as the kind of cultural event that sends women to the beauty parlors to primp and preen, "We're going to the *Kangs!*."

Harvey and his three co-horts in *Kings'* royal court worked their way up through outlets like Def Jam and BET's "Comedy View," although none have been a 100 percent crossover success. Harvey has an eponymous WB series, "The Steve Harvey Show," featuring Cedric "The Entertainer" as a co-star. D.L. Hughley created his sitcom, "The Hughleys," for ABC, only to have its second season picked up by UPN. Only Bernie Mac has no regular television gig, which he discusses in a mockingly outraged off-stage rant.

Seeing four comedians best known for their work on the WB and ABC's "TGIF" might sound unpromising, and it's true that none are meteoric talents like the groundbreaking Richard Pryor, Eddie Murphy in his prime or Chris Rock (whose "Bring the Pain" special is easily the '90's funniest comedy concert). But they're all pros, clearly as fond of performing as they are beloved by audiences. And compared to the blue jeans and street clothes of most white comics, the Kings come dressed to the nines in double-breasted suits.

One of the most culturally significant qualities of African-American comedy is that it's a primary venue where America's racial differences can be aired in a pointed but cathartic way. In addition to riffing on romancing black women and dodging creditors, all four spoof the differences between blacks and whites (it's interesting how so many black comics imitate whites with the identical pinched, nasal voice).

Hughley makes the most incisive remarks on race, mentioning the Diallo shooting and later saying that, for black people, bungee jumping is too much like lynching. ("They tie a rope around you and throw you off a bridge.") Addressing John Rocker, he says he's offended less by racist remarks than by the insincere apologies that include justifications like "I've had three black people to my house:" "If you know *exactly* how many black people have been to your house, you're racist as a motherfucker."

Cast of The Original Kings of Comedy

Naming yourself "The Entertainer" seems like asking for trouble, but Cedric lives up to his pseudonym. A plump, mellow figure reminiscent of the late, beloved comedian Robin Harris, Cedric is the evening's most confident physical comedian, doing schtick on breakdancers, stylish cigarette smokers and how black people drive: "We'd drive the space shuttle like its a '72 Deuce and a quarter."

The show's final performer, Mac makes an imposing presence, and his routine is less memorable for what he says — topics include oral sex, tough mamas and how to use the work "motherfucker" — as how he says them, with his fiery enunciation and rhythmic cadences suggesting a preacher wont to drop phrases like "badass summa ma bitches." Provocative though he may be, some of his remarks, like about his willingness to wallop (not his word) obnoxious children, can be more uncomfortable than amusing.

The oldest of the comedians at 43, Harvey comes across as the one most outspoken to and about the black community. He offers a hilarious riff about attend-

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cide. What better person to risk gouged eyes and impaled livers, after all, than a despondent beauty?

Gabor hands Adele back her self-worth as the well-dressed human target in his slice-and-dice cabaret act, a job that seems as much about belief as skill.

Like Astaire and Rogers, the pair work well together, so well in fact, that in lieu of sex scenes, there is an erotically charged knife-throwing scene in a deserted barn where Adele writhes in erotic pleasure. For a French movie, *Girl* is surprisingly devoid of scenes of love-making, which — along with its preference for vintage tunes by Brenda Lee and Benny Goodman — contributes to the movie's old-timey quality.

A loopy Pygmalion story about Gabor's transformation of the promiscuous, unhappy Adele into the epitome of Lady Luck, *Girl on the Bridge* is pure, buttery fantasy with all the attendant empty calories. Gabor's belief in Adele's good luck soon engulfs the film; she becomes fortune's magnet on their madcap tour of Europe, winning outrageously at the slot machines, at roulette, on a gig in Italy where she wins a zippy sports car in a lottery. But Adele can't kick her losing streak with men and takes off again and again with yet another love 'em and leave 'em stranger.

French pop star Vanessa Paradis is the plaintive Adele, whose Edie Sedgwick eyes and gap-toothed smile give her the slightly alien appearance of a gorgeous baby dressed in fashion model couture. Adele spends the first segment of *Girl* recounting her short, unhappy life bedding any man who professes his love, or at least his desire for a team of faceless experts. It takes a man like Gabor, of course, to break the vicious cycle of one-night stands by giving Adele something productive to do with her time — being assaulted with sharpened knives.

It is probably no great feat to make appealing a woman at the height of her sexual charm. It's more of a feat for Auteuil, upon whose craggy features gravity has stamped its indelible presence, to pull off the necessary Svengali-like sex appeal. Having to work harder, Auteuil comes off better, his ferociously intense expression and his increasingly frantic, eroticized knife-throwing makes it no real surprise when a flustered, lust-choked matron comes up to him after his cabaret act and begs to be his next target.

Women are suckers for a man who plays games and has the power to wound them. *Girl* makes knife throwing the ultimate metaphor for sexual passion — every time the pair stops at another venue (a Cote d'Azur nightclub or an Italian cruise ship), Gabor nicks her — but her faith in his abilities remains.

Girl's distinct ambiance flutters between glossy fashion-magazine fantasy and the ebullience of old Hollywood, courtesy of cinematographer Jean-Marie Dreujou's shimmering black-and-white photography. When Adele gives in to Gabor's offer and agrees to be his target, Gabor takes her on a *Pretty Woman* shopping spree whose culmination is Adele sashaying and swinging her hips in a succession of gowns. The scene has a manufactured Hollywood smarminess and makes it all too clear that 80 percent of *Girl* involves capitalizing on Paradis' physical charms.

Leconte's film never quite balances this often flashy hokiness and revelry in Paradis' cuteness with its more whimsical, intoxicating side: a retro, champagne-bubble attitude enhanced by the film's strange twists of fate and an air of giddy implausibility. A diverting, but slight romance, *Girl* is an art film where artfulness — and not story — rules, where ambiance and prettiness are meant to stand in for all the deeper psychologies and complications that this script toys with, but never penetrates. ◆

◆ Kings of Comedy cont'd from page 108

ing church with senile Sister Odette, whose devotionals mix Gospel hymns with TV theme songs. When Harvey disdains rap music in favor of "old school" love songs, lip synching along to tunes by the likes of Earth, Wind and Fire, he puts punchlines aside in favor of sermonizing and advocating the pursuit of true love.

Directing the show, Lee leaves behind the quirky filters and tracking shots of his features and keeps obtrusive flourishes to a minimum. *The Original Kings of Comedy* is most effective at keeping up with the crowd's reactions and indicating the give-and-take between performer and spectator. *Kings* features a few interesting off-stage moments, like a hotel room poker game and Cedric warming up with a Gregorian chant, but such "documentary" moments are few. At a full two hours, the film could be a bit shorter, with some of the comic's material overlapping.

Free screenings might not be entirely representative of a film's prospects, but it's worth noting that *Kings* had the most responsive movie audience I've seen in years. People were bellowing with laughter, stomping their feet, even repeatedly rising out of their seats with amusement and recognition They not only clapped when the comics finished, but clapped at some of the *introductions*. *The Original Kings of Comedy* may well extend the borders of the already thriving kingdom of African-American film comedy.◆

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Buds of humor season menopausal mourning in Saving Grace

BY KATE LUEKER

Take a desperate situation, compound it with shock, humiliation and indignant anger, temper it with indomitable resourcefulness, and what do you get? What else but a light-hearted film that approaches both ends of the spectrum of British comedy: "Upstairs-Downstairs'" witty, tongue-in-cheek humor and the nonsensical fun of Monty Python. Director Nigel Cole's film, *Saving Grace*, has its moments of forced slapstick on the one hand and the sublime surrealism of a Beatles' tune on the other. Somewhere in the middle, Cole creates less contrived moments of laughable incongruity, pulling out all the stops to give us a thorough, good laugh.

review

★★★
Saving Grace

- Directed by Nigel Cole
- Stars Brenda Blethtyn, Craig Ferguson
- Rated R
- Opens Aug. 18

In the small English seaside town of Port Liac, everyone knows everyone else's business except, of course, their own. A garden-variety homemaker, Grace (Brenda Blethyn, nominated by the Los Angeles Film Critics' Association for Best Actress for *Secrets & Lies*) learns of her late husband's infidelity which, as it turns out, is the least of her problems. It seems the old bastard went and died broke as well. Post-menopausal and without any marketable skills, she has only the gift of her green thumb. As debtors load up her furniture and dispossession of property notices overflow the trash bins, Grace has only a short period of time to come up with more than 300,000 English pounds. When Michael (Craig Ferguson of "The Drew Carey Show"), her loyal Scottish gardener, asks Grace to nurse his wilted marijuana plants back to health, she begins to think outside of the box. Goodbye, rare orchids; hello, cannabis sattiva! (Let it be known that Director Nigel Cole insists that "No brain cells were harmed during the making of this film," and real marijuana was not used.)

As the plants thrive and reality encroaches, Grace manages to keep the debtors at bay, the seemingly clueless bobby from discovering her ganja greenhouse and her mask of equanimity from cracking. Hardly a character to be pitied, though, Grace goes head-to-head with a London drug lord (Tcheky Karyo), who is drawn in by her toughness and touched by her vulnerability. In response to Karyo's sexual advances, middle-aged Blethyn manages to recall such screen sirens as Kim Novak and Vivienne Leigh, for whom romantic surrender is akin to a moral crime.

Thankfully, Nigel Cole spends less time than one would think on Grace's mourning of her late husband and the process of coming to terms with his infidelity. Instead, Cole focuses more on Nikki (Diana Quick), Michael's girlfriend, and her dilemma. Reluctant to tell Michael of her pregnancy while the good-natured Scot is involved in such shady dealings, Nikki manages to communicate the desperation and frustration that both she and Grace suppress.

Still somehow managing to be a "feel-good movie," *Saving Grace* offers a whimsical take on a fairly dreadful state of affairs — the "mature" woman's answer to *The Full Monty*. Although the plot may seem outlandish and unbelievable to those who have never witnessed the revolutionary effect that the post-menopausal years can have on a woman's character, *Saving Grace* explores that pivotal time in a life when there is nothing left to lose and precious little that surprises. Nigel Cole's film is a humorous and compassionate reflection on the choices available to women in their later years. If only dispossessed women everywhere would put a torch to all that they believe themselves to have lost, there would be far less monotony in the world, fewer martyrs consigned to a life of boredom and a lot less needling and meddling from the "girls" in the rare orchid society. ◆

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addict Lyle (Adrian Grenier) who huffs, injects and pops every chemical under the sun and, like each Sprocket branded by their auteur guru, has "Herschell Gordon Lewis" tattooed on his arm. Back at the clubhouse, Cecil describes his nefarious plan: to force Honey to make an underground film that will fly in the face of Hollywood fakery. A political tract filmed on location around Baltimore, *Raving Beauty* is guerilla insurgency at the multiplex. The Sprockets storm into screenings of *Patch Adams: The Director's Cut* and the set of *Gump, Again* to unleash mayhem and shriek their "burn, Hollywood, burn" mantra.

On the *Gump, Again* backlot, the Sprockets disrupt filming, thus setting off the clock-watching, donut-eating Teamsters. Later, the Sprockets go head-to-head with a vicious family-values audience who tosses candy at the Sprockets and taunts the underground filmmakers: "You ain't gonna get distribution." *Cecil* is especially clunky when it comes to action sequences, as the Sprockets butt heads with Baltimore's film firmament: movie audience drips, pompous directors and Maryland Film Commission baseball cap-wearing industry nimrods. Halfway into the film, Waters' hysterically looseygoosey way with action takes over and the entire film becomes a Herbie *The Love Bug* melee. The best exchange in all this goofy fracas, and proof that Waters still has some comic tricks up his sleeve, is the scene where the Sprockets hide out from the irate Teamsters in a porno theater showing Cherish's complete anal porn repertoire. But the burly Teamsters take one look at the *Night of the Living Dead* lust-drunk chronic masturbators lumbering toward them and are too grossed out to fight.

With shades of Patty Hearst (who plays a Squaresville Mom in the picture) and the Symbionese Liberation Army bankrobbers, Hollywood heiress Honey soon becomes infatuated with her captors. A Hollywood creampuff, Honey turns Commander Salamander punk glamourzon and her new blond Egyptian cut and make-up recalls Griffith's *Something Wild* glory days. With her siliconed lips, inflated breasts and still-squeaky-after-all-these-years purr, Griffith has become her own movie star caricature. The anti-Hollywood rebellion at the center of Waters' film seems personal, too. For once this poor nipped and tucked Hollywood Frankenstein lets her hair down and has some self-effacing fun with her own bimbo image.

As always, Waters' jokes have the clunky, irreverent feel of Jujubes hurled at a movie screen. Waters' gay sensibility has always been filtered through a distinctly lowbrow, drive-in wit, and in *Cecil* this union of two subcultures, retro and homo, is on full display. *Cecil* is a movie about style and anti-style, which wallows in bad taste, even as it rolls its eyes at Hollywood's middlebrow "good" taste. But like many retro-inspired films, *Cecil B. DeMented*'s premise is greater than its catalog of jokes and gimmicks, and once the initial absurdity of Cecil and his Sprockets wears off, there's not much to hold the film together. *Cecil* makes you applaud rude boy Waters' often hilarious send-ups of the imbecility of Hollywood even as you long for a tighter story and faster joke feed. ◆

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CECIL B. DEMENTED (R) ★★1/2 King of the Lowbrow John Waters returns to his juvie obsessions with drive-ins, rude behavior, smirking sexual innuendo and pretty teens in this tale of an underground legion of indies, the Sprocket Holes, led by Cecil B. DeMented (Stephen Dorff), who kidnap Hollywood star Honey Whitlock (Melanie Griffith) and force her to make an anti-industry propaganda film. Waters' amused disgust with Hollywood's fetid product (*Forrest Gump*, *Patch Adams* and Pauly Shore are all targeted here) is hilariously right-on, but the same homespun sloppiness and anarchy that cripple other Waters productions is also at work. — *FF*

THE CELL (R) This psycho thriller stars pop star Jennifer Lopez and Vince Vaughn as a child therapist and a serial killer, respectively. Lopez tries to get inside the mind of the psychotic murderer, as he lies in a coma, in order to save his latest victim.

GIRL ON THE BRIDGE (R) ★★1/2 A romance about a knife-thrower who saves a young girl from suicide by making her his human target, Patrice Leconte's (*The Hairdresser's Husband*, *Ridicule*) modern fairy tale is an often charming, beautifully photographed reverie. But beneath *Girl*'s shimmering black and white images and old-fashioned ambiance, there is a dearth of ideas. And as the plot wears on, that lack of substance becomes increasingly bothersome. — *FF*

GODZILLA 2000 (PG-13) The Japanese village of Shinjuku gets a wake-up call from an alien lifeform that goes head-to-head with an angry, 180-foot lizard. The future of humanity hangs in the balance as the two leviathans have at it.

THE ORIGINAL KINGS OF COMEDY (R) ★★★ Seeing four comedians best known for their work on WB and ABC's "TGIF" sitcoms might sound unpromising, but Spike Lee effectively captures the excitement and hilarity of history's highest grossing comedy concert. Dapper Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley, Cedric "The Entertainer" and Bernie Mac offer a profane, uninhibited evening, with Hughley offering the most cathartic and pointed riffs on America's racial differences. — *CH*

PSYCHO BEACH PARTY (NR) ★★ Neither a *Scary Movie* nor a very funny one, Charles Busch's adaptation of his thin play spoofs the genre films of the 1960s — think *Marnie Goes Surfing*. Star Lauren Ambrose isn't very perky as "Chicklet," but — with props to the editor — does a good job of switching among her multiple personalities. Kimberly Davies brings humanity in the midst of parody to eternal starlet Bettina Barnes and Thomas Gibson provides eye candy as the main surfer dude. — *SW*

SAVING GRACE (R) ★★★ In the small, English seaside region of Cornwall, everyone knows everyone else's business, except, of course, their own. A garden-variety homemaker, Grace (Brenda Bleythn) is the last to learn of her late husband's infidelity which, as it turns out, is the least of her problems. It seems the old bastard went and died broke, as well. Post-menopausal and without any marketable skills, she has only the gift of her green thumb. Grace has only a short period of time to come up with more than 300,000 pounds, but when Michael (Craig Ferguson of "The Drew Carey Show"), Grace's loyal gardener, asks her to nurse his wilted marijuana plants back to health, she begins to think outside of the box. —*KL*

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DESPERATE LIVING Along with *Pink Flamingos*, this 1977 film is an exemplary model of John Water's film style and borderline nauseating humor that highlights castration, lesbian sex, murder and dead rats. **Aug. 18-24 at GSU's cinéfest.**

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PINK FLAMINGOS A paragon of the John Waters' canon, this film starring the late Divine, portrays the battle between two families for the coveted title of the Filthiest People Alive. **Aug. 11-17 at GSU'S cinéfest.**

SCARY MOVIE (R) ★★★ A ribald comedy from the creators of *I'm Gonna Git You Sucka*, this spoof of horror films and teen sex comedies leaves no cliché (nor any supporting character) unskewered. Although weakened by vulgar jokes aimed at retarded and gay characters, it amply illustrates that comedy *always* has a victim; and though there are human victims aplenty here (including *American Pie*'s shapely Shannon Elizabeth), *Scary Movie* most gleefully eviscerates *Scream*, *I Know What You Did Last Summer* and *The Blair Witch Project*. **Aug. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre.**— *GN*

SCREAM 3 (R) Double featured with *Scary Movie*, this final installment in Wes Craven's terror trilogy stars Neve Campbell, Parker Posey and Courtney Cox. **Aug. 17 at 8 p.m. at the Fox Theatre.**

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THE ADVENTURES OF ROCKY AND BULLWINKLE (PG) ★★★ The blend of animation and live action does complete justice to Jay Ward's original cartoon series, finding no pun or one-liner too corny for use. Though the film is studded with cameos and Jason Alexander, Rene Russo and producer Robert De Niro have fun as the cartoonish villains, "moose and squirrel" themselves, as oblivious but morally upright as ever, steal the show. — CH

AUTUMN IN NEW YORK (PG-13) Richard Gere and Winona Ryder grapple with love, disease and bad timing as they make the most of one season in New York City.

BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE (PG-13) ★★ 1/2 Martin Lawrence plays an FBI agent who masquerades as Nia Long's grandmother to catch her escaped bank robber boyfriend (Terrence Howard, giving good sinister) and find his $2 million stash. Paul Giamatti scores some laughs as Martin's partner and Long is an appealing foil. You can't take it as seriously as *Tootsie* or *Mrs. Doubtfire*, but even on its own terms the ending strains credibility too far. This is no work of art but it won't surprise or disappoint those who want to see it. — *SW*

BLESS THE CHILD (R) ★★ 1/2 Though neither intellectually stimulating nor spiritually challenging, this woman-and-child-in-jeopardy flick with a supernatural twist provides a tense couple of hours. Kim Basinger raises her niece Cody for six years, until she's kidnapped by Rufus Sewell's cult that's out to win God's special child for Satan. Cody has special powers but the script is unclear about what they are and under what circumstances she can use them. She may turn up someday in an *X-Men* sequel, enrolling in Prof. Xavier's school. As usual in these movies, the devil wins the special effects battle but God wins the war. — *SW*

BLOOD SIMPLE (R) ★★★ It loses half a star for some film-school shenanigans, derelict dialogue and an unforgivable dream sequence, but the seeds of future greatness can be seen stirring in the director's cut of this thriller about adultery, betrayal and murder-gone-awry in Texas that launched the career of Joel and Ethan Coen, one of the American cinema's most influential and innovative teams. True, it may not have aged too well, and it's no *Raising Arizona*, but it can still stand up to just about anything out there. — *EM*

BOYS AND GIRLS (PG-13) ★★ Ryan (Freddie Prinze Jr.) and Jennifer (Claire Forlani) meet as adolescents,

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This week's twin peeks:

• ***THE ULTIMATE ATTRACTION*** **(2000; Video Rental/DVD $19.98, Unrated).** Soft-porn foolishness with the mind-numbingly beautiful Gabriela Hall and studly hardbody David Cielens using their astounding physical presence (or should that be "presents"?) to attract customers to their down-and-out gym. With other Earth-bound heavenly bodies Sara St. James, Taylor St. Claire and the legendary Mount St. Helens, who now works topless. Just wanted to see if you were paying attention.

• ***VIRGINS OF SHERWOOD FOREST*** **(2000; Rental, Unrated).** And yet more gorgeous Gabriella in this ode to swash-un-buckling that could have been called "A Yank-Me in King Arthur's Court!" She joins, er, "forces" with Shannan Leigh and Amber Newman. Together they bear, er, "arms" to help a lazy Robinhood defeat the Sheriff of Nottingham's evil sister and keep Robin's men very merry, indeed.

• ***A MAP OF THE WORLD*** **(1999; Video Rental/DVD $24.98, R).** Sigourney Weaver — who revels in playing strong, independent, alien-stomping women — is in her element here as the small-town nurse who is shunned by her husband, family and friends, and accused of child molesting by her neighbors, after a child accidentally drowns on her property. A bit of a chick-flick; could have used more flamethrowers. But then, what couldn't?

• ***A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET SERIES*** **($14.98 each, R).** Just in time for Halloween store-stocking, the entire "Elm Street" series is back on cheap video. The original, *A Nightmare On Elm Street* (1984), still stands as a testament to what a director can do with a little imagination — and some talented friends; we still say that Wes Craven is a lucky HACK! — and a limited budget. It's as scary today as the day it first appeared, 16 years ago. From there, *Part 2: Freddy's Revenge*, *Part 3: Dream Warriors* and *Part 4: The Dream Master* get a bit tedious, but still contain some good shocks. By the time that *Part 5: The Dream Child* and *Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare* rolled around ... well, the less said the better. Also available: *Wes Craven's New Nightmare*, in which the director tried to revive his monster — and dead career — with one last stab at it. Watch for a fresh-faced Johnny Depp in the first one.

• ***AGNES BROWNE*** **(1999; Video Rental/DVD $24.98, R).** Newly widowed Agnes (director Anjelica Huston) tries to cope with life and her seven children in 1967 Dublin. Her husband's funeral debts to a loan shark lead her to a demeaning job selling fruit at an outdoor market, where she meets a French baker who offers to take her to the Tom Jones concert she has been dreaming of attending. How do you say "chick flick" in Irish?

• ***AROUND THE FIRE*** **(2000; Video Rental/DVD $19.98, R).** This teenage navel-gazing, neo-hippy, New Age psycho-babble-athon stars Devon Sawa, fresh out of high school and already in rehab, trying to figure out how he got there. With Tara Reid and Eric Mabius as Dead Head-wannabes.

• ***BEYOND THE MAT*** **(1999; Video Rental/DVD $29.98, R).** No, not another wrestling tape (we don't do those), this is the best documentary ever made about the people who make up the WWF — when they are actually behaving like people! Includes interviews with WWF prez Vince McMahon and wrasslers Chyna, New Jack, Coco Bware and Jesse Ventura.

• ***MIFUNE*** **(1999; Video Rental/DVD, R).** When it comes to dark humor, no one can touch the Danes. Case in point, this subtitled Danish tale of a newlywed who must return to his family's broken-down farm — which he never told his wife about — to care for his retarded brother. And then there's the little matter of his ex-hooker housekeeper. Great gobs of stoic uff-duh fun.

• ***NOT ONE LESS*** **(1999; Rental, G).** If you're into Chinese culture, this could be a real hoot. But for the rest of us ... A young substitute teacher must go to an impoverished village and keep her class intact for one month or she won't get paid. One of the students bolts for the city to find work and she goes after him. Subtitled.

• ***PRISON OF THE DEAD*** **(2000; Rental, R).** No-budget straight-to-vid pic wins the award for Most Clichés in a Plot Synopsis: "Young people plan a high school reunion with a funeral theme, to take place in an abandoned witches' prison. (Ah, come on!) During a seance the Ouija board releases three executioners from their graves."

• ***SIMPATICO*** **(1999; Video Rental/DVD $24.98, R).** L.A. scumbag Nick Nolte and millionaire Kentucky horse breeder Jeff Bridges once blackmailed racing commissioner Albert Finney. Now Nolte wants to sell the evidence to Finney, but he no longer cares. You won't either. With Sharon Stone (of course). Next.

• ***SUPERNOVA*** **(2000; Video Rental/DVD $26.98, R).** A classic example of how NOT to make a movie. Famed directors Walter Hill, Francis Ford Coppola and Jack Sholder collaborated on this limp, generic space-opera, using false names in the credits after seeing what the studio did with their work. Originally to be a Man-against-God sorta thing with *2001* and *Altered States* elements, it's now just another space-rescue retread with a big special-effects explosion near the end. At least the tape contains some of the stuff the studio cut out of the theatrical release. Stars Robert Forster, James Spader, Angela Bassett and Peter Facinelli.

• ***THE SOULER OPPOSITE*** **(2000; Video Rental/DVD, R).** Dubbed a "Romantic Mockery," this is the tale of two politically mismatched people who meet, fall in love, find the Jerry Brown presidential campaign of '72 and run screaming into the desert. ◆

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don't get along but keep running into each other until, in college, they fall in like. That gets them through three years, but after having sex they have to decide whether to risk their friendship by going for love. Prinze has the personality of a cheese pizza without enough tomato sauce. Forlani has more, but not enough to carry a picture without help. That comes primarily from Jason Biggs as Ryan's roommate. The one real comic scene in this light romance is an outtake shown during the closing credits. — *SW*

BUT I'M A CHEERLEADER! (R) ★★★1/2 Director Jamie Babbit's first feature-length film is a queer coming of age story about an otherwise American-as-apple-pie girl. Megan (Natasha Lyonne) is a cross-wearing, pom-pom toting cheerleader, going steady with the captain of the football team. Her parents, however, are worried about the posters of Melissa Etheridge on her wall, her boyfriend suspects she doesn't enjoy kissing him, and her fellow cheerleaders think she's overly affectionate. They stage an intervention to save Megan from her homosexual tendencies, and send her off to a rehabilitation camp for homosexuals, True Directions, where RuPaul, out of drag, plays an "ex-gay" counselor. — *KL*

COYOTE UGLY (PG-13) ★★★ Producer Jerry Bruckheimer brings his Midas touch to this crowd-pleaser about a pretty Jersey girl who moves to Manhattan to pursue her songwriting career but becomes sidetracked by her glamorous, sexy job as a dancing babe bartender at the rollicking Coyote Ugly bar. Expect the expected and you won't be disappointed by the mindless fun of this Hollywood guilty pleasure. — *FF*

CROUPIER ★★★ This look at a would-be novelist's venture into the seamy aspects of a London casino reveals fascinating details of gambling and has a crisp, efficient directing style. But though Clive Owen, in the title role, is meant to be detached and voyeuristic, the twists at the end muddy the precedings rather than illuminate them. Alex Kingston affirms her acting potential as a quirky and enigmatic high roller. — *CH*

THE EYES OF TAMMY FAYE (PG-13) ★★1/2 The former PTL wife with the raccoon eyes and crocodile tears is given the martyr treatment in this documentary made to redeem a woman savaged by public opinion. Not surprisingly, Faye turns out to have a little more depth and heart than the quickie sound bite news coverage of her and former husband Jim Bakker's public scandal suggested. Though it professes adoration for Faye, this doc just as often milks camp value from its outrageous heroine, luring the jaded indie crowd with a jumbo shot of mocking irony. — *FF*

GONE IN 60 SECONDS (R) ★1/2 Written by Scott Michael Rosenberg, this is a collection of the worst guy-flick clichés imaginable. The only thing more remarkable is the butcher job done by the director, Dominic Sena. As the movie is totally devoid of tension, Sena employs the old ticking-clock-on-the-screen ploy to keep us on the edge of our seats. Snore! Every single actor in this film, including Nicolas Cage, Angelina Jolie and Robert Duvall, is wasted. Instead of going to see this one, spend your time driving your car like it was stolen. — *DJ*

HOLLOW MAN (R) ★★ Four-star special effects can't save the latest letdown from the man who gave us *Showgirls*. Kevin Bacon plays a scientist turned now-you-see-him-now-you-don't sociopath who uses his miraculous invisibility mostly to sexually harass his coworkers, then switches to serial murder. This ugly, adolescent thriller might have worked as a satire if the plot devices and clichés weren't as transparent as the protagonist. — EM

I'M THE ONE THAT I WANT This film of Korean-American comic Margaret Cho's live performance at San Francisco's Warfield Theater touches on the comedian's favorite subjects: gay men, her mother and the trauma of being accepted by television executives for her ABC program "All-American Girl," only to be later rejected. When the jokes are flowing fast and furious, Cho is in top form, but when she veers into the confessional, therapy mode, the fun comes to a crashing halt. — *FF*

THE IN CROWD (PG-13) ★★ Slickly directed by Mary Lambert and featuring reasonably talented young actors (Susan Ward, Lori Heuring, etc.) this teen trash looks like a failed pilot for the WB. It starts out like *Girl, Coitus Interruptus* and ends up like *The Untalented Ms. Ripley*, with the two stars involved in sexless triangles, both hetero and lesbian. Their careers have nowhere to go but up. — *SW*

MAD ABOUT MAMBO (PG-13) ★★1/2 In working class West Belfast, young Danny (William Ash) dreams of becoming a professional soccer player. Thinking the way to improve his game is to get rhythm, Danny takes up samba lessons, which take him out of his element and into upper class Belfast. Once there, he falls in love with Lucy (Keri Russel), a spoiled daddy's girl who wants to prove she can make it on her own by winning the Regional Latin Dance Finals. Each with something to prove, Danny and Lucy draw and repel each other like human-sized magnets and make for sweet eye candy as lovers from opposite sides of the tracks. — *KL*

THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA (NR) ★★★ 1/2 Painstakingly rendered for IMAX by Russia's Alexander Petrov, 29,000 slides convey the essence of Hemingway's novel about a Cuban fisherman and a marlin, the catch of his life, in 22 minutes. The film precedes a crash course in the author's life and work, *Hemingway: A Portrait*, an equally brilliant piece by Erik Canuel that's even shorter but, thanks to the director's commercial background, gets everything in. **Weekends at Fernbank Museum of Natural History. — *SW***

THE REPLACEMENTS (PG-13) ★★ 1/2 As predictable as any movie this year and just about as entertaining, this comic recycling of the formula about a bunch of misfits and losers learning to work together to win stars Keanu Reeves as the quarterback of a team of scab football players hired during a strike. Their winning ways develop along with Reeves' romance with cheerleader Brooke Langton. Any Given Sunday. raised the bar for big-screen football action and The Replacements returns it to an acceptable but hardly thrilling level. Reeves' stunt double sees plenty of action as the masochistic Falco takes the hits and never cries "Whoa!" —SW

SHOWER ★★★ (PG-13) Set among the customers of a traditional Chinese bathhouse, *Shower* concerns the clash between old China represented by the bath's owner, Master Liu (Zhu Xu), and the fast-paced, modern life of his eldest businessman son, Da Ming (Pu Cun Xin), who comes to visit him in Beijing. The story of a world of intimacy and ritual supplanted by so-called "progress," *Shower* is an often moving affirmation of a rich Chinese culture. Though it starts out light, and has a veneer of cutesy-pie throughout, director Zhang Yang manages to endow an oft-told tale with deeper significance. — *FF*

SPACE COWBOYS (PG-13) ★★★ I don't know how much charm weighs but in *Space Cowboys* it's measured by the ton. Directed by Clint Eastwood, the film's about a pride of old lions, Eastwood, James Garner, Donald Sutherland and Tommie Lee Jones, called upon to repair an obsolete Russian satellite about to fall out of orbit. Its heroes may be too old for teenagers to identify with but for boomers, it's a hoot. It's predictable in many ways but it contains genuine tension, belly laughs and human warmth. Go see it. — RJ

X-MEN (PG-13) ★★1/2 Breaking a long run of lamentably lame superhero movies, the big-screen version of Marvel's best-loved book pits misunderstood mutant heroes against their own kind, with humanity caught in the middle. Splashy effects and a slam-bang performance by Ian McKellen as metal-bending master criminal Magneto make this one of the most successful comics adaptations of recent years. — *EM* ◆

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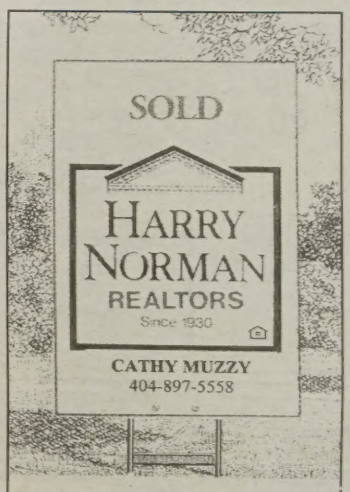

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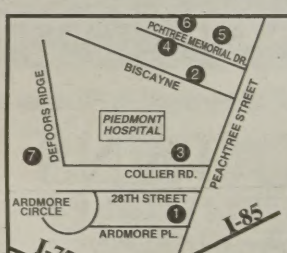

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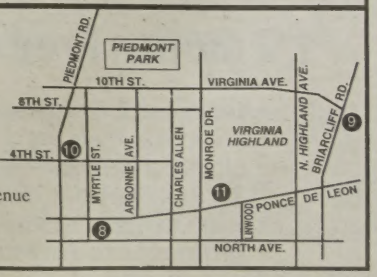

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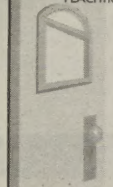

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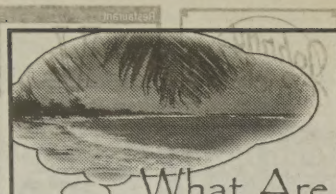

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WOMEN Seeking Men

HOUSEWIFE WANNABE
Attractive DWCF, 33, 5'9", 138lbs, brown/blue, enjoys reading, gardening, writing, poetry, theater, cooking. Seeking tall, attractive, attentive SM, 38-45, for LTR. ☎4855

SMART AND SEXY...
seeks adventure. Very attractive SF, 27, 5'8", 134lbs, loves sports, reading, movies, fun, friends, travel. Seeking intelligent, outspoken, laid-back male. Friendship first, committed relationship. ☎4753

CUTE HONEY...
big, beautiful woman, seeks big teddy bear. Sweet, fun, sensual, smart SBF, 27, 5'9", full-figured, seeks SBM, 6'+, 250lbs+, for friendship and fun. ☎4620

FRIENDSHIP
SBF, 29, seeks SM, mixed, 29-33, 6" plus, for friendship, possible LTR. Serious replies only. ☎4769

CAPRICORN/DOG
SBF, 29, 5'6", full-figured, aspiring makeup artist, seeks Taurus/Leo/Scorpio SM who is fun, exciting, caring, kind, unpretentious and financially secure, for LTR. ☎2622

SWEET
Tall, full-figured SBF, 35, no children, enjoys music from Aerosmith to Zapplin, science fiction, cooking, movies travel and more. Seeking secure, open-minded SWM, 38-45, 6'1"+, with mutual interests, for friendship. ☎4766

EXCEPTIONAL
Beautiful, fit, educated lady, 28, seeks very successful, class-act debonair gent, 28-40, for passion, romance, travel, and possible LTR. Must be worldly and honest. ☎4770

HELLO!
SF enjoys meeting new people, going out. Seeking down-to-earth SM, D/D-free, for quality time, and traditional friendship/relationship. ☎4681

THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE...
are you? Southern, cute, honest SWF, 30, 5'7", medium build, auburn/blue eyes, enjoys dining, movies, comedy, honesty. Seeking S/DWM, 25-45, financially/emotionally stable, old-fashioned with an open mind and heart. ☎3583

SEXY LATINA
SHF, 5'5", 140lbs, enjoys pool, movies, outdoors. Seeking outgoing, energetic, honest SM, with great personality, for friendship first. ☎4847

ROMANTIC MAN WANTED
Spicy, full-figured latina, 44, enjoys fun, food, and frolic. Seeking that special centered lover of life, 36-56. Baggage restrictions do apply, no N/S, N/Drugs, N/D. ☎4824

CUTE AND SPONTANEOUS
SBF, 20, brown/brown, warm smile, brown-complected, financially stable, enjoys movies, parks, picnics, dining in/out, bowling, basketball. Seeking SM for friendship, possibly more. ☎4807

SEEKING ADVENTURE
Outgoing, attractive, full-figured SF, 44, nice build, black/hazel, smoker, enjoys swimming, animals, dining out, adventure. Seeking outgoing SM for friendship, possibly more. ☎4658

WRITER & POET
Passionate, plus-sized WF, 5'8", brown hair, pale green eyes, loves to read, the music of late 50s and early 60s, rock-n-roll, drive-in movies. Seeking gentleman, 35-55, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎4634

ATTRACTIVE & DOWN-TO-EARTH
Hard-working, marriage-minded, childless SBCF, 42, 5'5", N/S, enjoys church, exercising, plays, reading, travel, animals. Seeking tall SBCM, H/W proportionate, N/S, similar interests. ☎4330

SPIRITUAL FUN
SF, 5'3", 100lbs, short dark/brown, chocolate brown complexion, enjoys dancing, ad venture, beautiful places/people, french fries, tv, art, writing stories/poetry, volunteering. Seeking quirky, energetic, spontaneous SM for friendship. Race unimportant. ☎4662

BRAINS, BEAUTY, BODY
SWF, 35, 5'5", 125lbs, face of a Botticelli, body like Barbie, mind like Einstein, seeks physician or CEO types for long-term relationship. ☎4715

A RARE FIND
Attractive SBPF, 47, seeks male of same ilk for quiet evenings, good conversation, all around fun times, possible LTR. ☎4377

LOOKING FOR PROGRESSIVE
Seeking progressive, creative risk taker who loves to travel, hike, and likes outspoken, independent women. Friendship first, possible LTR. Call me if you'd like to have a cup of tea. ☎4882

MEN Seeking Women

ASIAN LADY WANTED
Handsome SWM, 34, 6'1", 175lbs, seeks SAF, for friendship, movies, and dinners. ☎4884

WANT TO GO TO ASIA?
Honest, funny, smart SWM, 37, 6', 165lbs, artist, teacher, N/S, N/D, seeks honest, intelligent, pretty, spiritually aware SF, for LTR. Unique personalities welcome. ☎4833

SIGN OF THE TIMES
SBM, 36, seeks commitment-minded SF to enjoy walks, fun times, and especially togetherness. ☎4053

SIMPLY LOOKING
Seeking attractive SWF, 20s-30s, slim, fit, fun, N/S, college-educated, desiring similar, financially successful SWM, 40, for LTR. ☎4773

A RARE FIND
Hard-working SBM, 34, honest, respectful, understanding, seeks cute, petite SBF, 30-40, for bowling, dinner, movies, romantic walks, quiet times for LTR. Kids ok. ☎4648

SEEKING BROWN SUGAR
Fit, easygoing male, 38, 5'10", 158lbs, excellent cook, seeks conscious, financially secure, attractive woman, no kids, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎4121

NEW 2 ATLANTA
Laid-back SBM, 40, 220lbs, enjoys jazz, reading, artwork. Seeking kind, tall lady, race unimportant, over 300lbs, for possible LTR. ☎4823

GOOD-LOOKING, DOWN-TO-EARTH
DWM, 37, 5'10", 140lbs, brown/baby blue, many interests, including cooking, snuggling, family and friends, seeks sweet, sincere, pretty, down-to-earth S/DWF, 26-45, who knows what she wants, for LTR. Kids ok. ☎3283

WANTED: FULL-FIGURED FEMALE
SBM, 36, 6'3", enjoys movies, dining out, and sports. Seeking very attractive, tall, full-figured, feminine female, 30-40, race unimportant, who has similar interests, for LTR. ☎4586

SEEKS FUN FRIEND
SM, from South America, 6'1", 155lbs, medium build, enjoys movies, auto racing, aviation, tv. Seeking friendship with a person with a good attitude. Prefer Caucasian female. ☎4472

RARE AND SPECIAL
Tall, fun, outgoing, loving SWCM, 50s, seeks slender, loving, affectionate SWF, 38-48, N/S, for serious LTR. ☎4879

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
Outgoing SM, 44, 6'1", 160lbs, dark hair, brown complexion, enjoys walks in parks or on beaches, horse riding, playing guitar. Seeking honest female. ☎4928

WANTED: FUN, ENERGETIC...
person. Athletic SM, 26, 5'6", 150lbs, brown/brown, great personality, enjoys outdoors, dancing, movies, basketball, softball, running, golf, tennis, hiking, camping. Seeking fun female, to share experiences with, for commitment. ☎4929

I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES
Attractive, educated SBPM, 48, 6', 205lbs, seeks uniquely packaged female, 32-45, who possess beauty, brains, personality, and honesty. This jewel should seriously desire a man of substance, strength, and integrity. ☎3964

BLACK GODDESS
Black professional male seeks black professional female, 30-50, who has been liberated by the spirit of the goddess. ☎4944

WRITER OF DREAMS
SM, 19, 5'10", blond/blue, enjoys metal music. Seeking sane female, similar taste in music. ☎4945

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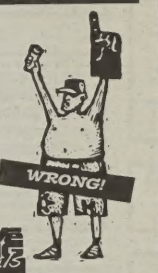

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MEN Seeking Men

COOL ME OFF
Sexy GBM, 40, 190lbs, 5'9", brown eyes, bottom, likes movies, music. Seeking black top, 20-45, masculine and strong, yet gentle. No flip-flops or fakes. Real man only. Get with this. ☎3669

BRAZILIAN GUY
GWM, 19, 5'9", 160lbs, blonde/blue, loves to have fun. Seeking straight-acting GM, N/S, not older than 35. ☎4768

KINDRED SPIRIT
Handsome, successful GWPM, 40s, seeks attractive, younger GWM, bottom, to share his life with. Serious. ☎4479

DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN
58, 5'11", 185lbs, N/S, athletic, fit, affectionate, seeks a N/S, classy, slender/medium lady, friendship, boating, adventure, quiet times. ☎4558

PASSIONATE
SBM, 43, 6', 205lbs, athletic build, black/brown, light brown skin, enjoys movies, basketball, travel, parties, dinner. Seeking S/DF, 27+, beautiful inside/out, in shape, for romance, relationship. ☎4888

UNSELFISH PLUS COMMITTED
SCM, 44, 6'3", 200lbs, of German descent, tired of lonely days and nights. Seeking intelligent, attractive southern BCF, for serious prospectus. ☎4114

TALL, GENTLE MALE
Sailing enthusiast, enjoys theater, arts, music, dancing, outdoor sports, tennis. Seeking CF, college-educated, with similar interests. ☎4673

SEEKING LONG-HAIRED SF
WM, 60, seeks lady, 35+, with very long hair and an open attitude, for lasting relationship. ☎4880

THE LONELY ONE
SM, 6'4", 250lbs, dark curly/brown, enjoys sports, movies, having fun. Seeking commitment with spontaneous, or at-home type female. ☎4866

WM SEEKS MATURE WOMAN
WM, 40s, 5'10", 185lbs, seeks caring, sensual, romantic playful, mature woman, 40+, for good times, and fun. ☎4867

YOUNG AND RESTLESS
Attractive, athletic, outgoing SWM, 22, 6'5", 210lbs, pro golfer, seeks attractive, spontaneous SWF who likes to laugh. ☎4852

SMART, SEXY, FUN-LOVING
SWM, 5'7", medium build, loves sports, movies, reading, outdoors, mountains. Seeking fun SF, for LTR. ☎4848

SEEK COMMITMENT
SWM, 6'5", brown/green, slender build, enjoys movies, bowling, fishing, outdoors, animals, sports, racing. Seeking honest SWF, for friendship leading to serious, committed relationship with a nice guy. No games. ☎4851

RACE UNIMPORTANT
Entertaining, active, individual SWM, 48, 5'9", 175lbs, N/S, enjoys open communication, varied interests, and laughter. Seeking secure SF, who knows a successful relationship is based on friendship and honest. ☎3428

LONELY
We have to go through things in life, with faith in God, there's hope. Hefty, understanding BM, mid-30s, 6'4", with HIV, seeks someone who cares. ☎4825

HANDSOME SEEKS ATTRACTIVE
GBPM, 32, 5'8", 142lbs, college-educated, enjoys rollerblading, swimming, traveling, biking, meeting people, other varied interest, seeks attractive, humorous, intelligent GM, caring, sincere, responsible, emotionally available. ☎1121

LOOKING FOR HAPPINESS
Passive GBM, 35, HIV+, 5'7", 160lbs, looking to date sincere, attractive male who is interested in a monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4881

SOUTHSIDE AIRPORT
Handsome, stalky, masculine GWPM, 26, black/brown, relationship oriented. Seeks 26-32, with similar qualities, various interests include: in/outdoor activities, foods, music. Must be HIV-, N/S, N/Drugs, monogamous. Are you interested? ☎4430

HANDSOME HISPANIC
SHM, 27, 6', 175lbs, black/brown, athletic, professional, caring, and romantic seeks attractive, SW/HM, 30-45, for dating and more. ☎4169

BUCKHEAD GUY
Masculine, healthy, professional Asian, 25, 5'11", 165lbs, seeks fit, sensitive, professional man, 22-35, for meaningful relationship. ☎4857

ATTRACTIVE
SM, 18, 5'8", 155lbs, short brown/brown, slightly muscular, medium build, enjoys shopping, dining, movies, clubbing, staying at home. Seeking fun-loving, honest SM. ☎4948

QUALITY NORTH BURBS
Masculine GWM, 49, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, balding, HIV-, versatile, inquisitive, many interests, seeks GWM, 42-56, for possible life bond. ☎4711

BROTHER
Slim BM, 47, 5'9", 160lbs, HIV+, top, seeks slim bottom, 5'10", 6'3", 155lbs-170lbs, HIV+, for discreet home encounters. ☎4782

WATER BEAR WANTED
Handsome GWM, 47, 6'11", stocky build, outdoors lake bear, seeks cub for the gathering of honey while watching sunsets and moonrisings over the lake. ☎4908

NICE-LOOKING...
blue-collar, witty, casual GWM, 5'10", 165-lbs, shaved head, in good shape, enjoys nature, dining, music, tv. Seeking similar GWM, 32-52, hairy/facial hair a+, for companionship, maybe more. ☎4874

A CUT ABOVE
SWPM, 25, 6', 180lbs, blond/green, seeks H/AM, 18-30, for friendship, maybe more. ☎2828

SEEKING TRUE LOVE
Hopeless romantic GWM, 36, 5'9", 165lbs, D/D-free, green eyes, goatee, great smile, not into bars or games enjoys quiet, romantic home dining. Seeking honest, sincere, similar male, possible LTR. ☎4595

SEEKING FRIEND/LOVER
Attractive, masculine BM, healthy HIV positive, 40s, 170lbs, medium-build, seeks same qualities in strong, secure, mature, intelligent, and honest BM, 38-48, H/W proportionate. No drugs. No femmes. ☎4859

HEART & MIND
WM, 48, 6'1", 175lbs, attractive, masculine, fit, HIV-, well-educated, seeks honest, different WM, 35-50, who makes a difference and loves music, film, hiking and real dialog. ☎4528

CUDDLER/KISSER
Mature GWM, 60's, 182lbs, salt-n-pepper/hazel, works out, enjoys movies, dining out, cuddling, kissing. Seeking GW/HM, in excellent condition for friendship, committed relationship. ☎4813

HIV+ BUT HEALTHY
Very good-looking GWCM, 5'10", 173lbs, brown/blue, enjoys swimming, bowling, country-line dancing. Seeking attractive GWM, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎4819

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
GBM, 44, 5'10", medium build, green eyes, enjoys country music, two-steppin', picnics, loves animals. Seeking tall GWM, 40+, with similar interests, for friendship and romance. ☎4331

CLASS BEAR SEEKS CUB
GWPM, 51, HIV+, with class, seeks responsible, loving, monogamous, honest, caring cub, D/D-free, no alcohol problems, for LTR. No games or players. ☎4437

CULTURAL APPRECIATION
GWPM, 37, 6', 185lbs, blond/blue, recently moved to Atlanta after living in another country, enjoys the gym, arts, movies, travel. Seeking masculine GM, 30-45, with similar interests. ☎4764

YOUNG BROTHER
BiBM, 21, looking for college-educated BM, 21-25, that likes to play video games. No drama/games. Chillin' is the key. ☎4713

SLIM GBM SEEKING SLIM GBM
BPM, 6'1", 170lbs, enjoys sports, television, casinos. Seeking same, who enjoys travel, sports, weekend getaways, adventure, quiet times, for LTR. ☎4738

LET'S GET TOGETHER
GWM, late 50s, N/S, HIV-, 5'9", 165lbs, masculine, educated, fun, easygoing, seeks similar G/BWM, H/W proportionate, no femmes, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎4587

WOMEN Seeking Women

SASSY & CARE-FREE
GBPF, into health and good living, seeks unselfish, fun-loving, care-free female, N/S, to share and explore life with. Race/age unimportant. ☎4303

DOWN-TO-EARTH
BF, 31, enjoys getting hair done, nails done, poetry readings. Seeking same. No games. ☎4744

LOOKING FOR FRIEND
BiBF, 31, medium complexion/build, seeks attractive SF, 25-35, who likes having fun, spur of the moment activities, just about anything. ☎4912

HI
Laid-back SBF, 5'4", 140lbs, dark-complected, seeks sexy, attractive, down-to-earth, intelligent, honest lady who enjoys dining out, movies, outdoors, working out, for friendship. ☎4872

KEEPING IT REAL
GBF, young 40s, spiritually soft butch, tomboyish sometimes, enjoys skating, cooking, movies, music, basketball, and weekend getaways. Someone who can handle her own finances, soft, soft butch, or femme. ☎4784

THE CAT'S MEOW
Feminine, great-looking GWPF, 38, loves to travel. Seeking same for weekend escapes, beaches, lakes and fine dining. Let my soft spirit take you away for a great romance. ☎4480

HEIRESS
Intelligent, gorgeous, gifted WF seeks honest, stunning, smart, sensual, stable GWF, prefer professional, cultured, well-traveled, shame free woman, H/W proportionate,interests entertained: art, literature, cuisine, automobiles, music, athletics. N/Drugs. Serious response requested. ☎4647

ROMANTIC POET...
seeks woman to spend quality time with, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. Age and race unimportant. ☎4858

NEW TO ATLANTA
Bi-curious SBF, 29, sassy, independent, loves shopping, going to movies and diner. Seeking same, N/S, N/Drugs, 27-32, for friendship/relationship. ☎4856

SASSY AND AUTHENTIC
Loving, kind SWPF, 50, red/brow, H/W proportionate, enjoys dancing in the rain, soft music, good food, travel, honesty and love. Seeking SWM, with similar interests, for LTR. ☎4849

MY SPECIAL FRIEND
GBF, 36, spiritual, enjoys movies, picnics, quiet times, social gatherings. Seeking feminine GBF, 38-45, N/Drugs, with same qualities. ☎4850

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
SBF, 5'8", 160lbs, enjoys basketball, football, movies. Seeking down-to-earth SF, similar interests, for friendship, possible committed relationship. ☎4845

EXPRESS YOURSELF
Butch GBF, 46, 5'7", 190lbs, enjoys jazz, R&B, seeks plays, romantic nights. Seeking femme, full-figured GF, for friendship, possible committed relationship. ☎4820

SEEKING ADVENTURE
SF, 6', 148lbs, outdoors type, in good shape, seeks confident, goal-oriented SF, who believes in trust, fidelity, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎4809

NEW TO ATLANTA
Brown-skinned SF, 5'2", curly reddish-brown hair, medium build, no kids, loves sports, outdoors, swimming. Seeking feminine SF, for friendship/LTR. ☎4821

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Kind, considerate SF, 5'10", 200lbs, brown/brown, enjoys movies, walking, amusement parks. Seeking SF, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎4846

ATTENTION ALL BIS
Very attractive, down-to-earth BBi feminine mother of two, loves cuddling, dancing, clicking, and going out.Seeking understanding, independent feminine female, 21-35, 150+. Please no drama, D/D-free, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎4771

ENJOY LIFE TOGETHER
SBF, 45, seeks feminine, down-to-earth, affectionate, loving, mature, honest SF, 40-52, for spiritual life partner, who enjoys cooking, music, movies. N/S, no games please. ☎4800

A GOOD THING
SF, 43, seeks lover of my soul. Must be happy within yourself, able to show femininity. ☎4486

FEMININE
Feminine, attractive GWPF, 40, auburn/brown, enjoys outdoors, picnics, travel, adventure. Seeking attractive, feminine GWPF, N/S, with similar interests. ☎4433

FUN AND SPONTANEOUS
Down-to-earth, voluptuous GWF, 5'7", 180lbs, blue eyes, H/W proportionate, enjoys fishing, camping. Seeking GF, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎4545

AT MY WITS END
GBF, 33, 5'4", medium build, laid-back, down-to-earth, enjoys movies, music, artistic expression, etc. Seeking GF, 23-36, slim/medium build, honest, drama-free, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎4461

SPIRITUALLY CORRECT
Black lesbian, 49, seeks soulmate, 38-50, N/S, D/D-free, who is feminine, and spiritually into herself. Friendship first, possible commitment later. ☎4435

WANTED: SOMEONE LIKE ME
SF, 21, 5'6", 125lbs, light brown/light brown, enjoys basketball, movies, time with children, love stories. Seeking casual, outgoing, rambunctious female, who loves kids. ☎4742

JUST ME/JUST YOU
Very passionate, sincere GWF, 43, 5'6", adorable, full-figured, fun, likes movies, dinner, quiet evenings, weather cooler than 99 degrees. Seeking full-figured, voluptuous GWF, 38-50, who likes same. Non-smokers only. ☎4712

DELECTABLE
GBPF, 39, attractive, feminine, seeks GF, 35-40, who's refined, feminine and professional, someone who is into personal and spiritual development, for friendship. No drugs, smoker, or Bi's. New York ☎3805

LOOKING FOR A LOVE
SBF, 5'3", 160lbs, short/brown, beautiful smile, seeks a companion. If you think this could be you, call... ☎4567

FUN AND COMMITTED
SF, 4'11", black/black, mother, likes having fun, music, movies, reading. Seeking monogamous, committed LTR with special lady. ☎4584

I SAW You

BUFORD HIGHWAY, LENNOX RD...
red lights. On Tuesday, 7/11/2000, 6:30 pm. You: red Jag, handsome with goatee, dark shades. Me: teal Altima, attractive, with white t-shirt. I winked, your eyebrows raised. I'd like to connect. ☎4748

DRIVING ON 75 NORTH
You: white Tacoma truck, decal B plates, on 6/14, around 8:45 AM. Me: GWM, Nissan Altima, turned onto 575 north. We made great eye contact, call me! ☎4577

CRAZY GRANDMA
SF, 67 years young, enjoys walking dog, movies, dining out, old '78s, smoking Marlboros, drinking Bud, have my teeth but hate wearing them. Seeking SM for LTR ☎4834

YOU ARE STRONG
Met while purchasing a park bench (gift) at Home Depot. You: beautiful brunette, were heaven in a life falling far short of such. I was be-spectacled and be-dazzled. ☎4436

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Homemade harem

Horny Hefner wannabe savors Kodak moments

BY AMY ALKON

Is it normal (or acceptable) for my current boyfriend to keep pictures of naked ex-girlfriends? They're in his dresser drawer. He has been pressuring me to let him take pictures of me, but now I definitely don't want to be added to his collection.

— Camera Shy

Reality is probably all that stands between your boyfriend having pictures of a half-dozen naked ex-girlfriends in his drawer and having a half-dozen horny lingerie models following him everywhere. He's not alone. There's a little *Porky's* in even the most evolved man — the pimply inner adolescent peering through the hole in the wall into the girls' locker room.

Women often have a hard time understanding men's proclivity for naked chicks, or even half-naked chicks, and lots of them. That's because women generally don't desire men in volume, and don't give half a damn about seeing men naked or half-naked; not unless they're involved with them. If you dispute this, just follow the money: There's a four-color, 72-page Victoria's Secret catalog on my desk. Victor's Secret, on the other hand, remains unpublished. There are gazillions of skin mags for men, but only a couple (supposedly) for women. (I say "supposedly" because if you scroll down *Playgirl*'s subscriber list, you'll probably find that the Robs far outnumber the Robertas.) Strip clubs cater to men most of the week, with only the token Tuesday slotted for girls' night — a night that is more about girls laughing it up with other girls than it is about getting off while watching Tony Tarzan's big swinging vine.

To a man, the ultimate naked woman is one who isn't anonymous. That's why *Playboy* pays millions to get celebrities to strip down to the Hitler mustache. That's why your boyfriend collects nude Kodak moments of his exes. Your boyfriend's photos probably make up what my friend Gregory calls a "psychological harem"; essentially, an insurance plan for your boyfriend's ego that allows him to fantasize that he has or can have numerous women.

That your boyfriend has this collection is less noteworthy than *where* he has it — top drawer central. Unless you found the photos by accident or while snooping, they were probably meant to send you a message: "Back off" or "I'm not so committed" or "be jealous." Then again, the photos might just be bait to goad you into posing.

Should you? Personally, I think people in this culture are a little nutty about nudity. If you aren't running for public office or spewing "morality" on the radio, stripping down to give your boyfriend a surface to drool on doesn't seem such a big deal. But only you can decide what's acceptable. A word of warning: If you do let your boyfriend photograph you nude, be prepared for your photo to end up stashed in a book returned to the library, pasted onto his Christmas card or posted on some Hot Sluts! site on the Net.

Getting back to the ex-girlfriend collection ... while you shouldn't ask him to destroy it, you should let him know that its prominent placement makes you uncomfortable. If he cares about your feelings, he'll stash them someplace where they'll gather more lint and fewer eyeballs — especially those that are attached to you.

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Two weeks ago, I met a girl on a chat line. She is younger than I am — and married. She is unhappy with her husband and wants to move in with me. I have never had a girlfriend or been with a girl, and I am very lonely. But I am nervous that her husband will find out about us. Can you help me?

— Chat Man

Giving a guy like you a woman is like giving a Kalahari Bushman a Cuisinart. He has no idea how it works or what to do with it; all he knows is that it's shiny and cool, and he'd like to keep it.

This girl wants you all right. She wants you to be her Motel Six and the man behind her daily Denny's Grand Slam. Don't do it.

Instead, repeat after me: "I am a loser." Say it three times, click your heels together ... sorry, wrong movie. Am I being cruel? A little. But I'm also doing you a favor. Being a loser needn't be a permanent condition. Only when you admit your loser-ness are you ready for reform.

Invite, beg and bribe male and female friends, acquaintances and strangers sitting next to you in bars to educate you in the ways of women. Buy them dinner, drinks — whatever it takes. Your re-education plan should also involve therapy. Getting on the couch will help you understand and resolve the mommy or daddy issues that made you everything you aren't today — a guy with a girlfriend who wants him because she wants him, not because she needs dinner and a roof over her head. ◆

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